



I WILL CARRY ON SISTER'S LEGACY

BY ALEX ROSS

THE twin sister of Jill Saward has spoken of her continued heartbreak and the family's wish to continue the inspirational campaigner's legacy.

Raped by a gang of intruders in 1986, Ms Saward waived her right to anonymity and then fought tirelessly to help fellow victims of sex attacks.

Ms Saward, of Hednesford, died suddenly six months ago, aged just 51.

But her legacy will be her bravery in speaking out about the attack, her ability to forgive her attackers and her endless fight for fellow victims – a campaign which has prompted fundamental changes in the law and which will continue, thanks to her family.

Hundreds of people turned out for her funeral at Lichfield Cathedral where among those to share their memories was twin sister Sue Lancaster.

Today, Ms Lancaster, who lives in the former home of her sister, is still suffering the loss of her 'Snij', but is determined to carry on her good work.

Along with Ms Saward's widower Gavin Drake and brother Joe Saward, the family want to reissue her book *Rape: My Story*, first published in 1990. She became a national figure after she was raped at her father's vicarage in Ealing, west London, in 1986.

Foundation

They want to add chapters from her later life, as well as setting up a charity or trust in her name, using money from an online fundraiser.

The JustGiving page 'Remembering Jill Saward and making sure her work for survivors of sexual violence continues' currently stands at £22,008.

Ms Lancaster said: "I think I feel, after the response we had when she died, we did not want her work to die with her."

"We want her work to be continued in some shape or form, to set up a charity, trust or foundation in her name – we are assessing a number of options."

She added: "There are also plans to reissue her book. She was writing a second book also, and I know Gavin is trying to finish that."

After her sister's death, Ms Lancaster moved from Lancaster with her daughter Aleasha, 13, to Hednesford to be closer to Gavin, a journalist and Walsall FC matchday announcer.

She had worked for a solicitors firm, but since



Sue Lancaster, left, at St Luke's Church in Cannock where she was a special guest for a fete

her sister's death she has been unable to work. She now plans to do a Masters at university.

She said: "I was signed off sick after she died, I was being sick every day, I couldn't cope with the loss."

"Doctors found a cyst on my spleen when I had a fall down the stairs. It has been a very difficult period, and so it has been hard to focus until now."

She added: "She was my other half, I didn't realise the impact it [her death] would have on me. It is a different relationship."

"Being an identical twin, there is the bond, you know it is there, but don't realise how strong it is."

Ms Lancaster says she hopes a trust will help carry on Ms Saward's work, from helping jurors in sex cases to anti-knife campaigns.

On Saturday, however, she was at St Luke's Church in Cannock where she was a special guest for a fete which raised £4,000. Ms Saward

was part of the congregation at the church toward the end of her life. She died two days after suffering a stroke.

Mrs Saward is survived by her husband Gavin Drake, three sons Myles, Rory and Fergus as well as her siblings Sue, Joe and Rachel.

Hundreds of people attended her funeral held at Lichfield Cathedral. At the ceremony Ms Lancaster paid a touching tribute to her 'Snij'.

Hurt

She shared memories of their innocent and joyful early years growing up together in Liverpool and then Beckenham in the London borough of Bromley, before Fulham and then Ealing.

"But then '86 happened, and it changed all of our lives," said Ms Lancaster.

"She tried to protect us, but I wanted to protect her. It's what we did. I have felt hurt over the years from all her publicity, but now I'm

glad she did it. I know there are many, many people alive today because she did it. We looked after each other as best we could over the years – because, as she said, it's what we do."

The JustGiving appeal was set up by Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre Ltd to support 'both immediate need & Jill's legacy – her work must continue.' They have surpassed the £20,000 target.

A statement on the fundraising page reads: "With so much love and support being shown, and so much encouragement to make sure that Jill's work continues, we have raised the target and will continue to hold these funds until a trust is set up in Jill's name. £10,000 thank yous – onwards!"

The charity set up the page after mourners said they wanted to make a contribution to a lasting legacy for Jill. Donations can be made at www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/rasacentre/rememberingjillsaward



Jill Saward, left, and Sue Lancaster



The innocent years growing up together

PLANNING

Asda petrol station gets the go-ahead

PLANS for a petrol station in one of Cannock's busiest roads have been approved.

The plans for Asda in Avon Road were approved by Cannock Chase Council planning chiefs subject to a number of conditions, including when the new station will receive deliveries.

The supermarket chain has wanted to build a filling station at its Cannock site for some time. Last year it had plans approved despite concerns from residents.

However, it has since amended the location of the proposed filling station and has had to submit a new application.

AMAZON

Centre to take on 44 apprentices

AMAZON is recruiting another 100 apprentices – with nearly half of them set to work at its depot in Rugeley.

The 700,000 sq ft fulfilment centre will take 44 of the new operations apprentices, joining a workforce that has grown to around 2,000 this year.

Scott Wharton, general manager at Rugeley, said: "Our fulfilment centres' roles are at the heart of our business."

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EMERGENCY

Fire chiefs warn of rise in grass fires

FIREFIGHTERS say they are braced for a spate of grass and rubbish blazes as the school holidays get nearer.

Both the Staffordshire and West Midlands brigades have been dealing with a rise in calls during the recent hot spell.

Most in danger are beauty spots including Cannock Chase and Hednesford Hills.

"Our message is not to light any fires in the open," a fire service spokesman said.

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Councillor delighted by peace award



Councillor Zaphne Stretton

A TOWN in Germany has bestowed a prestigious peace award on a woman who has worked to maintain links between Cannock and its twin town.

Zaphne Stretton MBE, a member of Cannock Chase Council, has been awarded the Etienne-Bach Prize by the Evangelical Church in Datteln, Germany.

Councillor Stretton has been given the award as a result of her commitment to reconciliation and peace between the British and German people.

She first visited the area 40 years ago and has been accommodating young

people from Germany who want to come over to study or work since 1989.

"We had such a warm welcome from everyone," said Councillor Stretton, who is from Norton Canes.

"Each time we've gone, we've made more and more friends.

"We were always told not to bear grudges. It was up to the younger generation to make peace with the German people. They're only the same as us. I treat them exactly the same as my own grandchildren."

Councillor Stretton usually visits Datteln every August, but this year will be

going in November to collect her award. "It just came out of the blue really," she said. "I didn't know this was going to happen.

"To receive a peace award meant so much to me, it just made me cry.

"I don't know how I'm going to cope with receiving it, I'll probably end up in tears. It's just a lovely gesture."

Councillor Stretton, who represents the Norton Canes ward, is vice-chairman of the economic development and town centres scrutiny committee.

She is also a member Norton Canes Parish Council.

Town getting ready for its festival day of fun

HEDNESFORD will be celebrating next month with its annual festival for the whole community.

Hednesford Festival is taking place on Saturday, August 12 between mid-day and 6pm in Hednesford Park and the town centre.

The artisan market will be up and running in the town centre from 9am.

This year, the event is being organised by Hednesford in Partnership (HiP) who were awarded £10,000 from the Celebrate Big Lottery Fund. It is also being supported by Cannock Chase Council, Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles, Friends of Hednesford Park, Hednesford Town Council and Hednesford Lions Club.

HiP carried out a consultation exercise at the beginning of the year to build on the success of last year and to involve the community in shaping this year's event.

Success

As a result, there will be a live music stage all day. In addition, a professional dog agility show will be held to entertain local pet lovers, supported by a competition where local dogs can be entered, to be in with a chance of being crowned Hednesford Scruffs Champion 2017.

Activities and displays in the park include old fashioned team games, a Grow Up Great zone, skate park and Parkour displays and competitions, a First World War experience and various market stalls.

HiP vice-chair Paul Woodhead said: "Driven from the success of the festival last year and the consultation undertaken with residents, we are delighted that groups from across the community are coming together to deliver a celebration, bringing our whole community together."

Andy Williams, a volunteer from The Friends of Hednesford Park, said: "We are very grateful to Hednesford in Partnership and the many passionate local community groups working together on this event to showcase our lovely town and park."

Details on 07930 120077 or email lesley@hednesfordinpartnership.co.uk

CCTV of £11k lantern thefts released



Police are appealing for help from anyone who recognises these men



One of the CCTV images released by Staffordshire Police which show the theft of the lanterns

A VIDEO showing the moment two thieves stole iconic lanterns that had adorned a Rugeley school for more than 80 years has been released.

The art deco lanterns, worth around £11,000, were taken from the front of Chancel County Infants School on March 11, between 10.30pm and 10.50pm.

The decorative items had graced the entrance to the school, which is next to the Old Chancel - thought to be the town's oldest remaining structure dating back to the 12th Century.

Sergeant Jamie McArthur, of Cannock Chase Local Policing Team, made a live appeal on Crime-

watch Roadshow. He said: "I'm appealing for help from anyone who can recognise these men or may have seen these lanterns, or perhaps been offered them for sale.

"The lanterns have been part of the school since it was built in the 1930s.

"We're determined to catch these thieves and trace the lanterns," he added.

He described the men as white, in their early 20s, around 5ft 10in and wearing dark clothing and beanie hats.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Staffordshire Police on 101 quoting reference number 245 of March 11.



Headteacher Tina Blankley outside the main entrance where the lanterns were stolen

Defecting to Tories 'was right decision'

CANNOCK'S UKIP deputy leader has left the party to join the Conservatives.

Councillor Martyn Buttery, who represents the Hawks Green ward, said he believes that his new party is "the only team that can move us forward".

He will be joined by another UKIP councillor, Stephanie Whitehouse, who represents the Etching Hill & The Heath ward.

Councillor Buttery said: "It was the correct decision to make.

"I want to be part of a hardworking group that works together as a team in order to move Cannock Chase forward.

"I believe that the Conservatives are the only team that can move us forward in the future, and I was delighted with the warm welcome that I received."

Commenting on the switch, Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling said: "It is fantastic to welcome Martyn and Stephanie to the party.

"I have seen first-hand some of the community work Martyn does for the area, including the work promoting Rugeley Rifle Club who mentor future Olympic champions.

"I look forward to working with both of them to help make Cannock Chase a better place."



Martyn Buttery

Holiday ruined by camper-van theft

A FAMILY had their holiday thrown into turmoil after thieves took a camper-van containing passports, valuables and items of huge sentimental value.

A Katamarano Light campervan belonging to Mark Brockbank, aged 39, and his wife Hazel, 40, was stolen as the couple took their children around Drayton Manor to kick-start their three-week summer holiday.

As the Belfast family, including six-year-old Kirsten and four-year-old Hayley, enjoyed a day at the theme park on July 1, thieves stole the vehicle, which also contained a beloved teddy bear that belonged to their son Austin, who died shortly after his birth.

Martial arts instructor Mr Brockbank said: "We have been robbed of forming lovely memories as a family together."

Homes completed

THE first homes have been completed at a new development in Cannock. Linden Homes has just finished construction work on the first properties at the Chenet Chase development, off Lakeside Boulevard. When completed, Chenet Chase will comprise 111 homes.

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New PCSOs start their 'vital' work on the beat

SIXTEEN new Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) have hit Staffordshire's streets to help protect and serve their communities.

The new recruits have completed their training and were presented with certificates and cards outlining their powers by Chief Constable Gareth Morgan at an event held at police headquarters in Stafford on Friday.

The PCSOs have all been posted to local policing teams based at police stations throughout the county.

Claire Jenkinson, aged 49, from Tamworth will be based at the police station in her hometown. She said: "I owned my own barber shop for 33 years so it's quite a big deal for me to become a PCSO, coming from a completely different background."

"The local PCSOs would come into the shop and talk about local issues, and I saw and admired the good work they were doing in the community. I decided I would like to help vulnerable people who perhaps would otherwise go under the radar."

Mr Morgan said: "It's a pleasure to welcome my new colleagues formally into Staffordshire Police at the end of their training and to wish them all the best as they embark on their new career. Working within communities is central to keeping people safe, and PCSOs play a vital role visible and accessible in their communities tackling issues affecting local people."

Breathing Space reunites families

A PROJECT that supports parents who have had children taken into care is helping keep families together.

Staffordshire County Council's Breathing Space programme works with women who are pregnant again by giving them and their partners 'practical and emotional support to enable babies to stay safely in their parents' care'.

After going live in January 2016, 24 families have been accepted onto the project for intensive support.

These families receive parenting help and also support from other agencies, which could include health, housing and mental health. So far, 15 babies have been born since the project started, with 13 returning home following birth and staying there.

Boost for show

THE Kings Bromley Show has been given a boost from Chasetown-based building firm Cameron Homes. The family-owned business is again the main sponsor of the event, which this year in being held on July 22.

Dozens convicted in grooming crackdown

MORE than 100 child sex predators have been convicted in Staffordshire in two years thanks to a police crackdown on internet grooming which has seen an arrest made every four days.

Operation Safenet was launched by Staffordshire Police in July 2015 targeting people who sexually exploit youngsters online.

Since then, 183 warrants have been executed, 168 people arrested and 106 offenders

convicted by the courts – but most importantly the force has declared 275 vulnerable children were identified and removed from harm's way.

One of the most high-profile results saw Blake Robert Johnson, from California, jailed for 30 years for preying on 94 girls from six different countries, including an 11-year-old from Stafford.

Detective Sergeant Steve Chadwick said: "My officers have gained significant skills



Operation Safenet – skills

in this area of policing and, working with Digital Forensic Experts and the Crown Prosecution Service, have been able to present evidence to such a standard that we have achieved a 100 per cent con-

viction rate at court. Furthermore the efforts of my officers have identified 75 suspected offenders who reside out of Staffordshire, with this information being passed to colleagues to action.

"Whilst we hope these figures reassure the public that those individuals who pose a risk to children are being rooted out and held to account, without doubt the most important aspect of this work are the children who have

been safeguarded as a result of our proactive approach.

"Of those suspects dealt with, 275 children were identified as being in direct contact with the suspect and were therefore referred to children's services. What we cannot measure, but equally as important, are those children that we have prevented from becoming future victims."

Visit www.staffordshire.police.uk/operationsafenet for more information on Safenet.

Dial-A-Ride services in Staffordshire face axe

DIAL-A-RIDE in Staffordshire could be scrapped as the county council prepares to cut the amount by which it subsidises transport services by more than half.

The council currently supports the county's network of buses and Dial-A-Ride services by paying out £2.6 million a year. But next April, the subsidy pot will be reduced to £1.3m. It will mean that some services could no longer receive financial support, including Dial-A-Ride, which depends solely on council funding.

The council says it can no longer afford to continue supporting some services, which it states cost as much as £10 per passenger journey. It is launching a consultation this month on four options on how to spend the subsidies.

They range from ending funding for Dial-A-Ride services and maintaining the greatest number of bus routes, to continuing to provide a county-wide network of Dial-A-Ride services, but no subsidies for any bus journeys.

Surprised

No decision will be made until after the consultation, but the council has already said its preferred option is to end funding for Dial-A-Ride services.

Mark Deaville, the county council's cabinet member responsible for transport, said: "All bus journeys in Staffordshire are operated by private bus companies or voluntary and community groups – and 90 per cent of these are made without any subsidy."

"However, some people might be surprised to hear that we do still subsidise some journeys on buses by much as £10 per passenger trip because they can't be run on a commercial basis."

"Some authorities have stopped subsidising buses, but in Staffordshire £1.3m will still be spent on this next year." Dial-A-Ride services in Staffordshire operate in Rugeley, Cannock, Hednesford and surrounding areas.

The consultation will run for eight weeks, closing on September 17. People will be able to have their say at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/busreview or at their local libraries. A final decision will be made by the cabinet in the autumn, with the changes implemented in April.



Joe Westwood have been in training for the Newlife Chasewater 10k

Beauty spot run first for Newlife

THE Newlife Chasewater 10k on Sunday will be helping local disabled and terminally ill children receive vital equipment they need.

Joe Westwood, visual merchandiser at the Newlife SuperStore in Hemlock Way, Cannock, has already signed up to the event which begins at 10.30am. Runners – and walkers – will complete two laps around the course to raise funds.

Joe said: "I have been going for a lot of walks over Chasewater to practise and generally getting fit. I'm really looking forward to it."

She will be joined by friends Michelle O'Donnell and Claire Collins for the run, which is the first such event held by Newlife the Charity for Disabled Children at Chasewater.

To take part, all entrants must book their place and pay the £15 entry fee in advance. Call 01543 462777 or visit www.newlifecharity.co.uk/chasewater

NEWS IN BRIEF

Devastation over loss of chairman

MORE tributes have been paid to a Hednesford councillor who died suddenly at the age of 59.

Graham Burnett represented the Hednesford Green Heath ward on Cannock Chase Council and was also chairman of The Friends of Hednesford Park. He suffered a heart attack.

A statement from the Friends group said: "We are devastated to lose such a key member of our team so suddenly."

"Graham has been an integral part of the team from its establishment in 2011. Graham was the calm and composed member of the committee, which made him ideal for the chairman's role," the statement added.

Council's holiday fun programme

LICHFIELD District Council has unveiled its summer holiday programme.

It starts with a Festival of Sport from July 24 to 30, in which free taster sessions are on offer at various venues, including Burntwood Leisure Centre and Burntwood Park, to showcase a range of activities.

The holiday programme also includes a family fun day at Lichfield's Beacon Park on August 2 with teddy races, games, stalls and activities between 11am and 3pm.

For the full programme, visit www.activeichfield.co.uk/holidayfun

Chance to join policing panel

PEOPLE in the Lichfield district are being urged to join an independent panel to influence local policing.

Anyone aged 18 and over is able to join their local Safer Neighbourhood Panel to help hold the Local Policing Team Commander to account as well as look at wider criminal justice and community safety issues.

Panel chair David Ensor said: "Lichfield Safer Neighbourhood Panel are emerging as a voice in the important function of holding our local police team to account." Call 01543 500404 to register an interest.

Painting of cathedral is sold for £387,000

A PAINTING of Lichfield Cathedral fetched nearly £400,000 at auction.

The watercolour painting by JMW Turner went under the hammer at Sotheby's in London.

The exclusive art piece was expected to fetch between £500,000 and £800,000 but sold for £387,750. Sotheby's would not say who the buyer is until the sale has gone through.

Proceeds from the sale will go towards the upkeep of the cathedral.

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Jazz festival set to swing in area

THE countdown is on to the start of soothing and melodic sounds abounding across the Black Country from tomorrow, Friday, The Birmingham, Solihull and Sandwell Jazz Festival 2017 is running until July 23.

Around 30 performances will be held in Sandwell libraries, museums, parks, the borough's Sandwell Arts Cafe and Windsor Theatre Bar.

Sandwell's council leader, Steve Eling, said: "We're very excited to be teaming up with Birmingham and Solihull in this popular and well-established festival, now in its 33rd year."

For more information, log onto www.birminghamjazzfestival.com/

Tulip records a loss of £29.6m

MEAT business Tulip – the firm that produces Spam and Danepak bacon under licence – slipped to a pre-tax loss last year. The firm, which has factories at George Henry Road, Tipton, and Black Country New Road, Wednesbury, went from a £9.4 million profit in 2015 to a £29.6m loss.

Official turnover was also down from £1.1 billion to £1bn.

The Warwick-based company, which is owned by The Danish Crown Group, said the drop in profits was partly down to it selling a site to sister company Danish Crown UK last year.

It currently employs more than 6,000.

Co-op donates £15k to hospice

ST GILES Walsall Hospice has received a donation of £14,794 from The Midcounties Co-operative, to help fund specialist care.

The funds were raised as part of a two-year charity partnership with Walsall region's store giant, through community events and activities including coffee mornings, cake sales and a memorial walk. They will help support its vital work providing specialist care for patients as well as support for families and helpers.

New location for area's TV station

TV station Made in Birmingham has begun broadcasting from its new studios in the city centre.

The former Big Centre TV had been based at the Goldmine Centre in Walsall since it first started digital broadcasting in 2015.

The new studios are at Bridge Street, by Gas Street Basin.

The station was bought last year by Made Television.

Fans full of praise as crowds flock to open-air concerts



Elbow, Rick Astley and Tom Jones performed to crowds of up to 15,000 as part of a concert series promoted by the Forestry Commission

Fantastic, beautiful – stars shine in forest



Rick Astley at Forest Live 2017



From left, Donna Vann, of Coven, Kirsty Vernon, of Heath Hayes, and Nicky Taylor, of Wolverhampton



Fans focus on watching Rick Astley



Guy Garvey led the audience in song during Elbow's set on the Chase on Friday evening



Tom Jones Pic: @Loobie988



Samantha Burns, left, and her sister Louise

PICNICS, sunshine and music – Cannock Chase came alive at the weekend with the Forest Live festival.

Elbow, Rick Astley and Tom Jones performed to crowds of up to 15,000 as part of a concert series promoted by the Forestry Commission.

Fans took to social media following the gigs. Rachael Brookes said: "Rick

By Doug Wootton

Astley, absolutely fantastic show last night thank you."

Mike Deathray was at the Elbow show. He said: "Beautiful, ambient, life affirming, smile inducing, mint."

It was Elbow who kicked off the three-day event on Friday – with frontman Guy Garvey acting as both lead singer and crowd conductor

throughout the near two-hour set. In between songs Garvey always had a quip at the ready – hailing the setting and the concept of Forest Live, or praising his bandmates, sound crew or lighting engineer.

An epic version of One Day Like This was the final song before they took a quick breather and returned for an encore to play Lippy Kids and Grounds for Divorce. On Saturday

the warm weather remained for the appearance of 80s pop star Rick Astley.

The 51-year-old, most famous for the hit Never Gonna You Give Up, provided songs and plenty of banter, which the packed crowd lapped up.

Then on Sunday, the sun continued to shine as Tom Jones appeared. Thousands watched as the 77-year-old performed.

Hysterics for Sir Tom are well deserved

REVIEW Tom Jones
By Jordan Harris

THE man with the golden voice brought a weekend of live music in the forest of Cannock Chase to a close with bags of style.

Stepping out onto the stage as the sun began to set on Sunday, Tom Jones didn't have to lift a finger for the crowd to fly into hysterics.

For the crowd of 5,000 in attendance for the final leg of this year's Forest Live shows, just seeing a true music icon in the flesh was worth the ticket price. From there, it was a journey through time, with all of the best musical styles of the last 60 years touched on across a two-hour set.

Funk, soul, blues and good old rock 'n' roll were all given the Jones treatment, with that voice supplying character and passion. The first couple of songs saw Jones's band grow, starting out as a two piece, then three.

By the time Sex Bomb came around, he was backed by eight highly skilled musicians. All of the big hits have been revamped, which creates an interesting live show.

However, these aren't drastic re-interpretations of the songs that made the 77-year-old icon a household name. Instead, the likes of Delilah, Leave Your Hat On and Mama Told Me Not to Come have been given a modern polish.

Of course, being a host on The Voice has given him a resurgence in popularity, with his protégés Into The Ark, a duo who enjoyed a successful run on this year's series, joining him on stage at the Chase. The Tom Jones live experience is a faultless one and the setting could not have been better.

Planning the next one begins now

DESPITE the 2017 Forest Live concerts finishing only four days ago, work is already under way to make next year's gigs even better.

Rob Lamb, events manager for the Forestry Commission, which organises the event, said: "We start working on next year's immediately. It is a full-time job, and a lot of work goes into it."

"We have not booked any bands yet but we are working on it as well as working on any feedback we get from people who attended this year's event."

"There will not be anything major to change for next year because this year has gone so well but we are always looking to improve. I am sure we will make some minor tweaks."

"People probably will not notice but it will be things we want to change to improve how the event runs."

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Backing for bid to end parking on pavements

A CAMPAIGN to end problems caused by parking on pavements has received the support of a Staffordshire MP.

Michael Fabricant, hit out over the issue after attending a Guide Dogs event at the House of Commons.

"I heard from guide dog owners how parked cars blocking the pavement forced them to walk in the road, into the path of traffic they cannot see," Mr Fabricant, MP for Lichfield, said.

"Some guide dog owners face these dangerous situations on a daily basis.

"I do know that on some narrow streets, drivers sometimes have to park partially on the pavement but no-one should be forced to brave traffic. Blind and partially sighted people should be able to walk the streets without fear."

James White, senior campaigns manager at Guide Dogs, said: "Pavement parked cars can turn the walk to work or trip to the shops into a dangerous obstacle course. It's a nuisance for anyone, but if you have a visual impairment or a toddler in tow, stepping out into the road with moving traffic is just too big a risk."

Guide Dogs is campaigning for pavement parking to be made an offence, except in areas where councils grant specific exemptions. This is already the case in London, but elsewhere, councils struggle to tackle unsafe pavement parking because they can only restrict it street by street.

Farewell vigil as Shire Hall closes

A VIGIL was held as dozens of people turned out to say farewell to the 18th Century Shire Hall in Stafford.

People lit candles and sang songs at the ceremony outside the hall, which has been closed by Staffordshire County Council for the first time since it opened in 1798.

In its 219 years in Stafford town centre, the Grade II listed building has been used as a courthouse, art gallery, library and even a cinema.

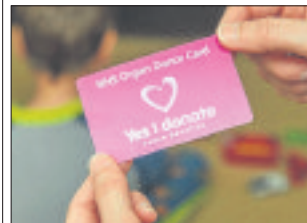
Those who turned out said they felt let down by the council's lack of imagination and its failure to make the most of the building.

Experts from Prince Charles' Prince's Regeneration Trust charity have been appointed to consider the future of the historic building.

Cardington walk

CHASE Ramblers' walk this Sunday is an 8½-mile strenuous walk from Church Stretton to Cardington. Meet at Hednesford railway station for a 9am departure. For details call 07954 170369. New walkers are welcome.

800 still alive thanks to organ donors



Survival rates are improving

MORE than 800 lives across Staffordshire have been saved thanks to organ donation, new figures have revealed.

The figure has been published by NHS Blood and Transplant, whose annual Transplant Activity Report shows that the UK-wide number of people alive thanks to transplants has reached the milestone figure of 50,000.

NHS Blood and Transplant is now urging people in Staffordshire to help even more people to survive by joining the NHS Organ Donor Register.

More people are alive thanks to

transplants because of improving survival rates and increased public commitment to donation. In Staffordshire, the number of people on the Organ Donor Register has increased by 26 per cent over the past five years. There are now 356,706 people on the register in Staffordshire, compared with 283,866 five years ago.

Nationally, the number of people on the register reached a record number, 23.6 million. Today 36 per cent of the UK's population is on the NHS Organ Donor Register, compared with 30 per cent five years ago. The public

support for donation also means more people in Staffordshire are receiving lifesaving and life enhancing transplants. Last year, 86 people in the county had transplants, compared with 60 five years ago.

Sally Johnson, director of organ donation and transplantation for NHS Blood and Transplant, said: "We're seeing more and more people committing to donation and the good results of our close work with hospitals.

"However, there is still a long way to go. Around three people still die a day in need of a transplant."

Safety vow over electric 'fencing' for the Chase

INVISIBLE electric fencing could be put up around part of Cannock Chase under plans to allow more cattle onto the land.

Council bosses want more cows grazing to stop the site becoming overgrown. The fencing is needed to stop the animals wandering onto nearby roads.

Three options have been drawn up by Staffordshire County Council but all include running a fence from around Milford Common in Stafford to near Broadhurst Green in Hednesford and back up again around the edge of Sherbrook Valley. There would be normal fencing from Milford down to Hednesford, but invisible electric fencing is proposed for the eastern side of the perimeter.

Concerns have been raised about the move preventing access. But bosses say the invisible fencing would be underground and would not affect day to day users of the site.

Walking

Cattle would have tags around their neck connected to the electric fencing, which would cause a shock if they passed a certain point.

Going over the fences without a tag would have no effect. However, residents in Brocton say they are worried about the plans.

One of them, 53-year-old Mark Jeavons, who uses the Chase daily, either cycling or walking his dog, said: "The unique thing about the Chase is that you can enter and exit as you please. Also these plans are heavily reliant on the county council getting a third party to provide the cattle and then look after them."

But Paul Woodhead, a Green Party councillor in Hednesford, has backed the plans. He said: "It is not like the Chase is becoming non-accessible or anything like that.

"It is important that we have positive efforts to conserve the Chase."

Staffordshire County Council say the Chase will become overgrown, affecting views, routes, wildlife and heritage if it is left as it is.

Consultation on the plans for livestock and fencing is open until July 21. To comment, visit www.managingcannockchase.co.uk/

Three training hard for 26-mile trek



Map and boots at the ready – from left, Liz Fernihough, Emma MacDonald and Karen Meades

THREE employees from a building company are in training for a marathon walk later this month with the target of collecting £2,500 for charity.

The women from Chase-town-based Cameron Homes are taking part in the annual Mighty Cotswold Hike in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Secretary Liz Fernihough, buyer Karen Meades and design

and planning manager Emma MacDonald will be joining hundreds of other people for the 26-mile trek across Gloucestershire.

"This is a great event which aims to raise thousands of pounds for a vital cause – we are really looking forward to it," said Karen, who started raising money for Cancer Research over a decade ago after having the disease.

Liz said she was taking part in

the walk, on July 22, to raise vital funds towards finding a cure for cancer, adding that their team target was £2,500 and they had collected £1,900 so far.

Emma said the three work colleagues had all been following a training programme in order to prepare for the gruelling walk and were now looking for more sponsors. Go to www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Emma-Macdonald15

NEWS IN BRIEF

Quiz night to mark 10th anniversary

A HEDNESFORD business is to hold a quiz night in aid of charity.

Husband and wife team Simon and Laura Harrison, who own Chase Tree Care, have organised the event to celebrate its 10th anniversary. "We are raising funds for Mesothelioma UK as this was the cancer that my dad died from in 2014," Laura said.

"The event will be held on October 20 at The Hen House in Hednesford.

"We would like to ask for help from local people and businesses regarding raffle prizes. We are also happy for help with overall sponsorship, financial donations, and guest appearances." To help, call 01543 877887.

Car park flooding misery is to end

A FLOODING hotspot in Stafford which has seen cars swamped below rainwater is being filled in – much to the delight of people in the town.

Work is under way to alleviate flooding at the Dooxy Road car and lorry park, meaning drivers' nightmares on the site next to Sainsbury's will soon be over after years of problems.

The work, which is being carried out by Staffordshire County Council, will eventually form the entrance to the Western Access Route. Tom Wright, who lives in Dooxy, said: "It's about time something was done."

Hub's fun day to feature live music

A FAMILY fun day is taking place at the Create Community Hub in Huntington on Saturday.

Attractions at the free event, which runs from 11am to 2pm, include inflatables, face-painting, live music and food and drink. The Hub, which is also home to CreateChurch, is the former Littleton Youth Centre, next to Cannock Rugby Club off Stafford Road.

Volunteers from Create's American partner church, Shades Mountain in Alabama, will be joining the Hub team to host the fun day. Search Create Community Hub on Facebook.

Concert to raise funds for British Red Cross

A CONCERT is to take place at St Stephen's Church in Bideford Way, Cannock, tomorrow (Friday) at 7.30pm.

The Cannock Light Orchestra, St Stephen's Singers and the Folkies are presenting a programme of light music to raise funds for the British Red Cross to help those affected by injury or loss in the recent events in Manchester and London.

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



Losing my religion, to get out of assembly?

WHAT is it with youngsters today? Rhannon Shipton and Lily McAllister-Sutton are two 15-year-old schoolgirls – I refuse to call them ‘students’ – from Cardiff. And they have found themselves in the news over the past few weeks for launching a petition which says that religious worship in schools infringes their human rights. Basically, they want to bunk off assembly.

Of course, they are not actually obliged to attend assembly, their parents can ask the school for them to opt out. But that would be too conciliatory. It’s the principle, innit?

Needless to say, the politicians, all desperate to be “down viv da kids” at the moment, are bending over backwards to congratulate the pair. The Welsh Assembly is writing to the education secretary asking for their complaint to be considered. Assembly member Neil McEvoy said: “It is really great to see young people engage in politics and taking an interest.”

Well, I’m sorry, but I don’t think it is really great at all. In fact, I think it is rather sad. When I was 15, my main pre-occupations were smuggling hair gel into school without my parents finding out, daydreaming about girls, and worrying about whether Aston Villa would get out of the Second Division. Come to think of it, apart from the hair gel, pretty much the same as they are today.

Complaining to the Government that school assembly was a violation of my human rights somehow slipped my mind.

Besides, if you didn’t want to go into assembly, there was a very simple trick, which didn’t involve petitions, human rights laws or anything like that. You wore white socks. Or the wrong shoes. Every time, without fail, a certain teacher – who many pupils thought could actually smell non-regulation clothing – would pull you out of the line, and make you stand in the foyer for a spot of public humiliation.

HAVING enjoyed the gorgeous sunshine of the weekend, I did what any self-respecting Black Countryman would do on Sunday night and sat in the garden with a glass of beer and a tabloid newspaper. And when the sky opened up, and the rain came cascading down, I again did what any self-respecting Black Countryman would do – put the parasol up and carried on reading.

Typical Britain, you never know what the weather is going to do next. One minute you’re putting your underpants in the freezer to keep them cool, the next you’re sticking them in the microwave to warm them up. Very confusing.

General pattern is to avoid all the key questions



Tony Blair, said to be not straight with the nation over invading Iraq



Newsreader Ri Chun-Hee, almost dancing in her seat announcing the missile launch



Geri Horner’s approach over problems is to think what the Queen would do

Answers? No, leave people wanting more

IN a single week, see how the Establishment serves the people. First the Grenfell Tower inquiry gets a chairman nobody wants. Then the coroner says the Birmingham Pub Bombings inquest will not investigate who was guilty. Finally, after 14 years, Sir John Chilcot admits that Tony Blair was not straight with the nation over invading Iraq. See the pattern? Go as slowly as possible, avoid all the key questions and always, always leave the people begging for real answers.

ACCORDING to the Local Government Association, bus travel in Britain is at its lowest for decades with a drop of 75 million journeys from 2015-2017. By pure chance, this news broke on the very day I applied for my bus pass. Also on the same day a court report appeared about a thug who punched four bus passengers. He wasn’t a psychiatric case; he was just ‘having a bad day’. That’s the trouble with public transport. Your journey is only ever as pleasant as your least pleasant fellow-passenger.

IRONY corner. As I applied for my bus pass it struck me as odd that, although you can prove your identity with passport and utility bills, the preferred ID for obtaining free rides on buses is your driving licence.

IN the 1930s, the world wasted a lot of energy laughing at that preposterous pair of poets, Hitler and Mussolini. By the time we realised they were no laughing matter, it was too late. One online contributor, responding to this week’s launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile by North Korea, quipped: “I hope it’s not

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



war because Celtic have just signed a Korean striker, Nok wun-in.” Others posted messages about Kim Jong-un’s bonkers haircut. Hilarious. Now, where’s the nearest lead-lined bunker?

NORTH Korea wheeled out its favourite veteran newsreader, the hyper-enthusiastic Ri Chun-Hee, to announce the missile launch. She was almost dancing in her seat and no-one in North Korea was left in any doubt that this was wonderful news. Good news on British TV is indicated by Mishal Husain raising one eyebrow half a millimetre.

IN an interview with one of the weekend glossies, Geri Horner (formerly Spice Girl Halliwell) describes her royal approach to life’s problems: “When I’m in doubt, I often think, what would the Queen do?” Interesting tip, although I suspect the answer is that the Queen would summon a footman, and the rest of us cannot.

IF you watched the Channel 4 News report on the Mediterranean migrant crisis you would have learned how the migrants pay thousands of euros to the people smugglers in Libya. Then they set to sea in leaky boats. They are met a few miles offshore by small boats crewed by various well-meaning charities who summon

bigger rescue boats. The migrants are transferred to the bigger boats. Finally, the smugglers’ mates turn up, smiling broadly, to collect the empty boats and tow them back to Libya for another trip. In the process, hundreds of migrants drown. You can’t help thinking that if the Royal Marines were ordered to seize the smugglers’ boats and sink them, this vile trade would become unprofitable pretty damn quick. At present this obscenity is not so much a crisis as a well-oiled business.

YOU may recall my piece a couple of years ago when my optician warned darkly against keeping contact lenses in the bathroom. Sure enough a report in Business Insider magazine tells us that when you flush a toilet, the swirling water that removes your waste from the bowl also mixes with small particles of that waste, shooting aerosolised faeces into the air.” Apparently, this “toilet plume” can travel 15 feet.

I’VE just taken a strange phone call from someone claiming to be a BT billing manager “responsible for internet ups and downs.” She was offering me a £180 refund for my slow internet connection. When she asked me to switch on my computer, alarms bells rang. I suspect this is a new variation on the old technical support” scam. Be warned.

PRITHEE, harken for ‘tis global warming in Poldark (BBC1). A reader wonders how, with Christmas approaching in Cornwall, a lover can find wild primroses to bind into a posy for his lass.

TALKING POINT



Paws to consider the wishes of others

AAH, there’s nothing like the freedom of a brisk walk across the rolling hills of our green and pleasant land, with a trusty four-legged friend at your side.

Is that not the dream of every dog lover? Wandering the length and breadth of their locale, with the friendly compliance of their fellow walkers? Yeah, right.

Admittedly, me and the missus were not bothered about bringing up a puppy as we required a dog who was used to children, not too boisterous, house-trained and, not to put too fine a point on it, a bit long in the tooth. We settled on a lovely black Staffie/labrador cross, who at a conservative estimate is about seven, called Shadow and she is just perfect for us.

She’s had a life. She’s almost completely deaf, her teeth have seen better days, she strives constant contact, our sofa is now her domain, and her breath leaves a lot to be desired; which is evident when you get the Staffie facewash that all owners of the breed will be familiar with.

We were warned there were issues with other dogs, and we found that out for ourselves pretty soon! But the number of times an approaching dog walker assures you: “Don’t worry he’s friendly and won’t do anything.” Then of course, they foray into erm, Shadow’s intimate territory and then wonder why she might lash out, especially if there is more than one dippy off-the-lead doggy bounding over for a sniff.

Okay, their dog may not have a problem with other dogs and want to purely be sociable, but our dog does and even if we issue the warning that there might not be a fairy-waggy-tail ending, they completely ignore it before nervous Shadow goes for the jugular. I hasten to add, that in all these instances, she will be on the lead, but at 24 kg, she’s a handful!

Sometimes there are snippy little comments about what a shame it is that a dog has to be kept on a lead – excuse me, but would you rather have one dog in the veterinary hospital and no doubt our dog forced to be muzzled, or even worse, put down? I have seen other dogs with muzzles on and feel so dreadfully sorry for them and their owners.

It’s no life for a dog not to be able to pant properly, let alone sniff or bark. Yes there may be the odd out-of-control dog that needs action taken against them, but if they are loving, docile heffalumps like ours, the only reason they have ended up in such a situation is down to the irresponsible actions of other owners.

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I'm so glad my mother got to see baby scan

A HEARTBROKEN family are fundraising in memory of a grandmother who lost a battle with cancer but not before she got to see a baby scan of her granddaughter.

Despite fighting secondary breast cancer, Cannock mother-of-two Angie Webb busied herself planning the birth of her grandchild with daughter Hayley, buying toys and baby clothes and feeling the first little kicks.

She knew she might not survive long enough to see the baby born but she was determined to savour every moment.

Staff at St Giles Hospice had already supported her to see her daughter marry, her son graduate and act as witness at her nephew's wedding.

Impact

Aged just 52, Angie hoped to survive long enough to see the baby scan and find out the sex of her grandchild. Hayley, from Norton Canes, said: "Mum was treated with such compassion and kindness."

"She received a range of complementary therapy sessions that had a remarkable impact on her pain management and most importantly her well-being."

"That meant her final months were as much about living as dying."

"I'll never forget the moment she saw the scan. By this time she couldn't speak but she opened her eyes for the first time."

"We bought her a pink teddy and she squeezed my hand so tightly that no words were needed for us to understand that she knew."

At that moment Hayley and husband Tom Green revealed that their



Hayley and her baby daughter after completing a fun run



With her mother Angie Webb, who died last year

daughter would be named Peyton Angela, after her grandmother.

Hayley said: "I owe so much to St Giles for that moment."

"Mum didn't open her eyes again, and she passed away soon afterwards, but those memories gave us some comfort in our grief."

By the time Angie died in September 2016, Hayley and her brother Luke Webb had taken part in several runs including the Stratford Marathon and raised more than £14,000 for the hospice.

Now the pair are fundraising again

- this time with little Peyton in tow. Hayley, a 29-year-old primary school teacher, said: "Mum would always used to come and cheer us on at our charity running events."

"She'd be so proud to know that Peyton is our newest recruit."

Five-month-old Peyton has just completed the 8.5-mile Great Midlands Fun Run in a buggy pushed by her mum and Uncle Luke, and she has her own justgiving page titled "My First Year in Miles". To sponsor Hayley, Luke and Peyton, visit justgiving.com/fundraising/myfirstyearinmiles



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Only way to avoid disaster

LES Coopers's letter was a refreshing reflection on the election ("Politicians capable of creating chaos", June 29).

Instead of cheap party political points he pointed to the lack of alternatives in our political system. All parties, Labour and Conservative in particular, promised us loads of goodies funded by borrowing from countries like Saudi and China.

Apparently living within our means is called 'austerity' and even the Conservatives are tired of it.

In fact living within our means, prudence, is the only way to avoid long-term financial disaster.

One wonders whether our newly elected MPs will dare to speak the truth.

MARK ELLSE
Cannock

Thank you all for a successful carnival

GREAT Wyrley Carnival Committee would like to thank all helpers and supporters and members of the public who make this event such a success.

The weather was cloudy in the morning but the sun shone in the afternoon and brought around 5,000 people to visit the free family event.

Three lorries were provided by EDS Couriers Ltd, two for floats and one for the stage, and the committee thank them for their continued support.

Thanks also to other lorry companies for supporting the organisations who put on the floats. The procession street collection amounted to £626.34.

The committee would also like to thank the police for their support for the event, and the Mitchell Johnson Rapid Response Group for providing first aid cover.

There were 50 charity and trade stalls, train rides, bouncy castles, cresta run, paintball, quad bikes, pony

rides, and Chester the Clown entertained the younger children. All organisations had a successful afternoon.

The arena events included Great Wyrley Carnival Talent Show, and Route 44 Country Band rounded off the afternoon. In the second arena Great Wyrley Community Band and Sandwele Ukulele Band entertained the crowds.

PAULINE KELSEY, SECRETARY
Great Wyrley Carnival Committee

Remember problems of the past

LEARN from the past: during 1974-75, there was an oil crisis, and this contributed to UK inflation of 24 per cent, basic rate income tax of 35 per cent and a highest tax rate of 83 per cent.

In 1987 there was a Stock Market crash and in 2008 there was the banking crisis.

There is a lot of hysteria at the moment about an end to austerity and pay rises for public employees.

However, let us not forget these past events.

We are currently in a vulnerable position and another major world event could easily bankrupt us.

A spending spree will simply increase the rate of inflation anyway. So do we really need to jeopardise our future for short-term gains?

PJS
Cannock

Stranger on the bus was very kind to us

TRAVELLING on the No 52 bus into Birmingham with my sister, I was telling her about some fundraising activities our group Seasons were doing but unfortunately my husband and I could not go to the Rock and Roll evening the next week. A lovely gentleman sitting in front stood up to get off, turned and offered me £10 towards our fundraising.

I was so taken aback I didn't even ask his name but hope that through your paper we can thank him for his kind generosity. Apart from hearing the name of the group he knew nothing about them but put his trust in me to make sure the money would be passed on, which it has.

I would like him to know that the group he so kindly helped is a Cannock-based community theatre group. Our Seasons family would like to say a very big thank you.

DIANE FOSTER
Seasons Theatre Company volunteer

How can it be earning?

RICHARD Mott deserves a medal as big as a dustbin lid for inquiring where our council tax goes ("Council under fire over unresolved suspension", June 22).

'Earning' when suspended? What's the meaning of that? Surely there's a difference in earning and getting, no matter what the circumstances are.

PHILIP EVANS
Great Wyrley

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Golfers tee off for big fundraiser

Rotary Club of Cannock

ON one of the warmest days this year, June 14, the Rotary Club of Cannock held its annual golf day at The Chase Golf Club.

The club had a tremendous support with some 20 teams taking part from across the region. The Rotary Club also received sponsorship from 30 local companies which made a significant contribution to ensuring the day was a success.

The day included a virtual par three competition on the Chase Golf Club's golf simulator a putting competition and Stableford team event on the magnificent parkland course. There was also a free barbecue and drinks at the halfway house.

The day concluded with a three-course meal and prize presentations with guests entertained by Liverpool Denny Waters.

This year's winning team were Bardsley Construction ahead of Midland Building Products and a team from Mossvale.

Damian Finnie won the special prize of a leather holdall and golf umbrella for the nearest the pin on the ninth hole, donated by Brindley Honda.

The Golf day which is now an established event in the Rotary calendar and raised more than £5,000, to benefit The Cannock Friends of St Giles Hospice and The Stafford & Cannock League Friends. The Rotary Club of Cannock is already planning next year's event.

Animal rescue Joan hogs the limelight



Joan Lockley, from West Midlands Hedgehog Rescue

Etching Hill WI

MEMBERS gave speaker Joan Lockley a warm welcome. She gave a very informative and passionate insight into the care provided by the West Midlands Hedgehog Rescue. Joan has been collecting sick and injured hedgehogs for 16 years, working a 19-hour day with daily visits to the vets.

Joan also rescues and hand-feeds orphaned hoglets. Being mammals, they are prone to ailments like gingivitis, ulcers and cancers as well as lungworm, mange and ringworm.

Joan drew the members' attention to some of the causes that have contributed to their decline, including garden ponds, open drains, bonfires, garden forks, strimmers and cars. The hogs are susceptible to being poisoned by slug pellets, anti-freeze and paint on fences and advice was given on how to safely attract the hogs into gardens with feeding stations providing food, such as cat food, and water; providing accessibility through a hole in the fence together with a bit of a wild area of the garden.

Pressed into Ironman action

EARLY on Sunday morning, June 17, four members of Cannock Soroptimists were in position near Chasewater to marshal the first part of the bike ride section of the Staffordshire Ironman 70.3.

Competitors had completed the one and a half mile swim in Chasewater and begun the 56-mile bike ride on their way to Shugborough where they ran a half marathon. Soroptimists had joined members of Rotary clubs to help to marshal the event last year

Cannock & District Soroptimists

and found it so worthwhile they decided to do it again this year. It was a great experience, being part of such an event, directing the riders and cheering them on.

The competitors were so appreciative of the job all of the volunteer marshals do, shouting out their thanks or sharing a joke about the day and the fabulous weather.

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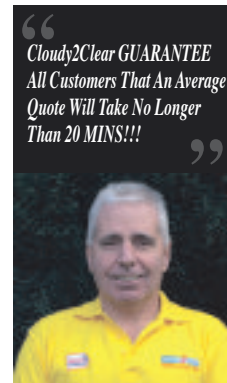
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Hotel buys receipt it issued 250 years ago

A HOTEL receipt is heading back to the place it was first handed out 250 years ago after being sold at auction.

The Vine Hotel, in Salter Street, Stafford, handed over £85 at the 'nerve wracking' auction for its own receipt, dated January 23, 1767. The receipt, which recorded a total payment of 12s 2d (62p) for supper, breakfasts, ale, hay for the horses, corn and servants, was found tucked away in a chest of drawers by auctioneer Charles Hanson.

Clare Evans, general manager at The Vine, said: "It was nerve wracking bidding at auction because I've never done anything like that before. I was over the moon when we were able to buy it."

● Two celluloid sheets from Walt Disney's first animated feature-length movie, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, which were discovered in Staffordshire sold at auction to a collector in America for a combined £15,506.

'Fair share' plea over £1bn jam-buster roads funding

A £1 BILLION allocation of government funding for building new roads to ease congestion needs to alleviate pressure on smaller rural networks, a council leader claims.

Councillor Philip Atkins, leader of Staffordshire County Council, said the funding, announced by Transport Secretary Chris Grayling, also needed to be evenly distributed across the country and not just in

larger urban areas. He said: "We welcome today's announcement which potentially could make a difference to the network here in Staffordshire."

"Communities in this county regularly suffer when one of the main strategic roads such as the M6 or A38 closes or is part closed, driving heavy traffic onto our smaller networks and causing real problems."

"Funds therefore need to ensure the national network is more resilient. We also want to see the money

evenly distributed across the country, meaning county areas can benefit rather than just the larger urban areas. We are seeing a significant amount of development in Staffordshire and this will pick up pace over the next decade."

"The county council has been successful in ensuring the infrastructure is in place for this."

"Any improvements to our existing network will ensure we can remove any restrictions to traffic flow that can restrict growth."

Council to consider planning applications

PLANNING applications received by Lichfield District Council include:

Travis Perkins, Queens Drive, Burntwood – amendment to layout of existing builders' yard (retrospective).

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21 Rowan Drive, Handsacre – first-floor side extension to form bedroom with en suite.

12 Oaken Hurst Avenue, Hawksyard – single-storey rear extension to form garden room.

1 Croft Cottages, Bellamour Way, Colton – single-storey rear extension to form family room.

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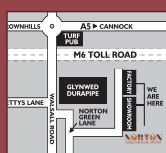
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Mother's new tribute to her 'bubbly' Kerry

THE mother of a woman who was found dead in her home has paid tribute to her 'bright' and 'beautiful' daughter.

Kerry Cast, aged 40, had not been seen alive for up to five days until she was found on July 1.

Police discovered her body in Hednesford after officers were alerted by two neighbours who had become concerned at her apparent absence.

In a new statement, her mother Kathleen Weaver said: "Kerry was a bright, beautiful, loving daughter."

"My maternal love for Kerry will always remain deeply in my heart."

"To lose Kerry under such unexplained circumstances puts a heavy burden on all of our family."

"Kerry's bubbly personality will be sorely missed as she played an integral part of our family, as a mother, daughter, sister and niece."



Kerry Cast was found dead after neighbours became concerned

Moving

Staffordshire Police are appealing for witnesses as the investigation into Kerry's death continues. A post mortem examination remains inconclusive, and further tests will be carried out to ascertain the cause of death.

Investigating officer DCI David Giles, from Staffordshire Police, said: "Kerry has spent a significant period of her life living in Crawley, West Sussex, before moving back to her childhood home of Cannock around three months ago."

"I believe since moving home she has maintained contact with friends and associates in the Crawley area, and I would like to hear from anyone who has information relevant to her death. If you can help with our investigation please call us on 101 quoting incident 481 of 1 July."

Price rise for M6 Toll cars

MOTORISTS on the M6 Toll are to face the first increase in charges in five years, as prices rise to £5.90 during the day.

The price rise comes in on August 7 but will not affect lorry or commercial traffic. The move comes weeks after the 27-mile motorway was bought by Australian investment giant IFM.

It had been up for sale with a price tag of almost £2 billion. Midland Expressway Ltd, operator of the M6 Toll,

said the new weekday toll prices for cars were the first change to be implemented since March 1, 2012.

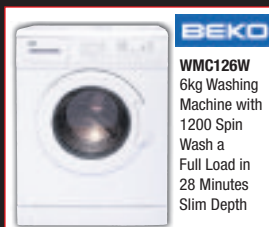
The new prices will apply only to cars using the toll road during weekdays, and MEL says they 'reflect a partial catch-up with inflation'.

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Nearly half (48%) of respondents didn't realise under-19s in full-time education also receive free dental care and 34%

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£460k move as target for cancer is missed

CANCER treatment targets at County Hospital are being missed – just a year after a specialist £2 million centre opened at the site.

Bosses will now plough more than £460,000 into trying to turn the situation around. New NHS guidelines say that from September, at least 70 per cent of patients given an urgent referral with suspicion of cancer should start treatment within 62 days.

But Louise Donovan, associate director for elective access and cancer with the UHNM Trust, said: "UHNM has not delivered the 62-day standard for some considerable time, albeit performance on this standard has been steadily improving over the last year, and all other national cancer standards are now being met."

Paula Clark, the trust's chief executive, said: "Unfortunately, the trust continues to be unable to achieve the national 62-day cancer treatment standard in some specialities."

"However, we continue to see improvements in performance over the past year, and all other national cancer treatment standards

By Jordan Harris

are now being met. To help us reach the 62-day cancer treatment standard by September 2017 – as requested by NHS England and NHS Improvement – the trust has been allocated £463,000 to help address performance in this area."

Fred Goodwin, chairman of the Staffordshire Head and Neck Cancer Support Group, said it is 'absolutely vital' that the 62-day targets are met more regularly.

He said: "From my own personal experience, I wasn't seen until after the 62 day period and you start to wonder if you are starting to try and beat it too late."

"I hope that this can be fixed," Mr Goodwin added.

Brett's back for a keyboard concert



Brett Wales returns today for a performance in the Burntwood Music For All concert series

BURNTWOOD Music For All welcome back international organ and keyboard star Brett Wales today (Thursday).

He will be in concert at the Burntwood Memorial Institute Hall, in Rugeley Road, Burntwood, at 7.30 pm.

It was back in the autumn of 2005 when fellow artist Chris Powell appeared at the venue and learned the sad news that the former hosts – the Burntwood Organ Society – were going to close their doors after 30 years.

Chris and his wife Marie quickly decided that with such a keen fan base there it was too good an opportunity to miss and announced that they would take over the reins in 2006 with an opening show from Brett Wales. It was a huge success, and the couple are now in their 10th year of concerts.

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Friends pay tribute to 'nicest guy' Luke, 19

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Amy Carter spreading the word about Grease at Cars in the Park

THERE has been a stampede to buy tickets for the drive-in movie night at Lichfield's Beacon Park.

The area reserved for members of the 'on foot' audience for Grease has sold out.

However, drivers have been slower off the mark, so Lichfield District Council took the opportunity to remind visitors at the Cars in the Park event to make sure

they get their tickets for the movie night. "Having sold out of the 'on foot' tickets already, we're urging movie lovers to make sure they book their cars in within plenty of time," Councillor Iain Eadie, cabinet member for leisure, said.

Grease will play on a big screen at Beacon Park on August 12. Visit www.lichfieldhistoricalparks.co.uk/ drivein or call 01543 308867.

TRIBUTES have poured in for an 'incredible' teenager who died while on holiday in Ibiza.

Luke Barnett, 19, from Hednesford, died early on Wednesday last week.

Reports suggest he was walking along the Vara de Rey street in San Antonio near his hotel at about 2.45am when he keeled over.

Paramedics were called and fought to save his life but their attempts were unsuccessful. It has been suggested his death is linked to a pre-existing health problem and not to any potential drink or drugs consumed on the popular tourist island.

He was on holiday to celebrate the 21st birthday of one of his friends. Since his death was announced tributes have flooded in on social media for the 'nicest guy', who attended Blake Valley Technology College in Hednesford and worked at Chase Golf Club.

Jay Boxall from Cannock said: "Can't believe the news I've been told, Luke was one of the nicest guys I've ever known. My thoughts are with his family and friends."

Tom Kinsella said: "A little man with a giant heart." Joshua Tolley said: "Rest in Peace Luke Barnett. Can't believe you're gone." Tammy Wilton said: "RIP Luke Barnett taken away from us way too soon."

Luke's friends have organised a get-together at the Samson Blewitt pub in Hednesford on Sunday, July 23 at 4pm.

Organiser Harriet Bubalo said: "We're all having a get together to celebrate Luke Barnett and just how incredible he was! Please everyone come along and share the love for our Lukey Baby."

No date has been set for an inquest.



Luke Barnett

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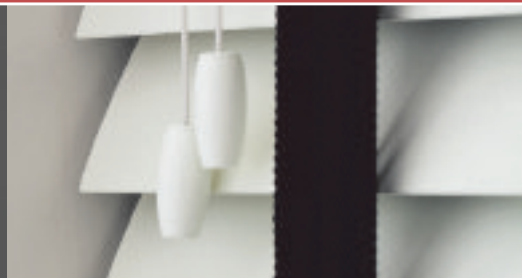
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Bridging the gap in the Big Apple

Graeme Brookes tells DIANE DAVIES about his journey from jolly northerner to tough southerner

ACTOR Graeme Brookes had, understandably, some concerns about taking the play Invincible, which is predominantly focussed on the north/south divide of England, to Broadway.

"It was difficult to judge how a play about the working class of England in the North and the middle/upper class of the South would go down," he said.

"But essentially the social fractures in the States right now due to the Trump regime replicated elements of the play, and that really helped it go down as well as it did.

"It was great. We were on the receiving end of many standing ovations and had some superb reviews."

The run in New York theatre-land was a huge coup for the Staffordshire actor, and he flew off to America on a high – not least because, the day before, he discovered he had landed himself another exciting role.

Graeme, who hails from Walsall but moved to Burntwood some years ago, was starring in The Original Theatre Company's production of Invincible which toured the UK before heading to New York City as part of the Brits Off Broadway festival.

The Torben Betts play Invincible, in which Graeme starred as football mad, beer drinking postman Alan, finished in New York at the beginning of the



Graeme Brookes – 'over the moon'

month, and now it has been revealed that he will be starring in the Frederick Knott thriller Wait Until Dark.

Graeme has spoken of how much he enjoyed his time in New York. He said: "I managed to do all the tourist bits – up the Empire State, The Statue of Liberty and Times Square but it was the going off the beaten track stuff I enjoyed the most like doing a bespoke civil rights walk around Harlem or going around Brooklyn and Williamsburg."

But if performing wasn't enough, Graeme also did a 10k charity run on Father's Day for testicular cancer. He

said: "That was great. I ran around Roosevelt Island twice as part of that. I then ran 10k another seven or eight times around Central Park which was pretty cool." Speaking about his new role, Graeme said: "I also found out about the job offer for Wait until Dark the day before I flew. That was brilliant. It's a great play with a great script."

"I did a reading for it back in February and thought nothing of it so to get the offer was great. There is a superb cast including a Brummie actor friend of mine called Tom McCarron. We worked together at the Custard Factory back in 2010 so it'll be nice to embark on a big tour with a fellow Midlander."

"It's playing some great respected theatres like Salisbury Playhouse and Richmond. It will be great to head back to Lichfield again too!"

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"Whilst in New York, myself and the show's director Alistair did a quick trip to the flat where the film was shot as it was in Greenwich Village. It's a great part, it's nice to go from a jolly comedy northerner to a tough, aggressive southerner – quite the difference."

Knott, best known for writing Dial M For Murder, wrote Wait until Dark in 1966. Audrey Hepburn starred in the 1967 film adaptation. Graeme added: "From my perspective, I am over the moon just to get a big job as, for actors, it's hard to work consistently."

"It also allows me little bits of time to do nice things and one of those is going back to [old secondary school] Alumwell who have asked me to go in and run some drama workshops and have a chat with the students."

The tour will begin in Eastbourne on August 24. From October 10 to 14 the Original Theatre Company production runs at the Lichfield Garrick theatre.

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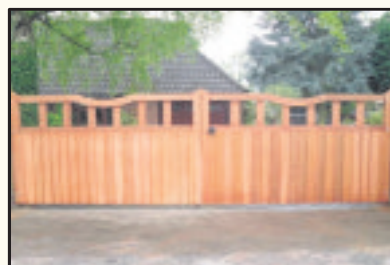
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Thor's hammered out by sculptor Bob



Bob Tweddle and the Thor (God of Thunder) sculpture on display at the Lichfield Garrick

THE former boss of a Burntwood building company has put up a sculpture in a theatre box office.

The Lichfield Garrick boasts Bob Tweddle's sculpture Thor (God of Thunder), made from Derbyshire Hopton Stone over six months, as part of the continuing Sculpture and Art Foundation CIC exhibition. Bob, from Lichfield, was head of the building firm from 1973 until 2006 and on retirement took up stone carving at Dudley College.

He said: "My stone sculptures are mainly for family and friends but I occasionally take on commissions."

"I passed a City and Guilds course at Dudley College with credits and then I joined a group of sculptors at Dudley College calling themselves the Shapeshifters."

Thor (God of Thunder) is the fourth piece of work to be displayed at the Garrick this year and will be on display in the Castle Dyke theatre's box office until September.

Kathryn Walker from the FRAI Sculpture and Art Foundation, said: "We are delighted that Bob's sculpture is the next artwork to feature on plinth."

'Be aware' campaign as 1 in 5 hit by cons

PEOPLE in Staffordshire are being urged to spot the signs of scams and to report them as part of a national awareness month in July.

Scams Awareness Month 2017 aims to inform people of the types and extent of con tricks. The county council wants people to spot tell-tale signs online, on the phone, through the post or on the doorstep.

It comes as a new survey commissioned by CPR Call Blocker found that almost a fifth of adults in Staffordshire have fallen victim to a telephone scam.

The figures show that 90 per cent of people in the county receive between five and 30 nuisance calls a week. Across Staffordshire, 17 per cent of those questioned have lost money to scams in the last 12 months.

Of those, 31 per cent lost between £1 and £50; 21 per cent lost between £100 and £500; 13 per cent lost between £500 and £10,000; and four per cent were scammed out of over £10,000.

Led by Citizens Advice and backed by trading standards teams, the aware-

ness campaign is reminding people to take a moment and trust their gut instinct so that they get advice, report scams and tell others about their experiences.

The campaign focuses on different age groups and the types of scams they're more likely to fall victim to. Common scams include doorstep double-glazing sales, online investment offers, bogus bank calls asking for personal details, online job adverts asking for an upfront fee, offers for goods and services and fake prize draw winnings.

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Jo Whelan was the star performer at the event at Molineux, which also featured tribute acts and dancers.

The event raised money for charities Whizz Kidz and Legacy4Lucy.

Whizz Kidz helps children with disabilities, while Legacy4Lucy was set up in memory of Lucy Gy, from

Cannock, who died from breast cancer aged 33. The event was hosted by Jardine Motors Group and sponsored by Vehicle Connections and raised a total of £8,962.53.

Nathan Parry, director at Vehicle Connections, said: "As a sponsor of the annual charity ball I am delighted to be part of a community of local businesses that support two deserving charities."

ELEVEN-YEAR-OLDS in Staffordshire are achieving above national levels when it comes to their attainment at Key Stage 2.

The exams, designed to measure pupils' abilities in reading, writing and maths, were revised last year to make them more challenging in an effort to raise standards in primary schools.

Results show that nearly 63 per cent of children in Staffordshire have achieved the expected standard 100 score in reading, writing and maths combined, exceeding the national figure of 61 per cent.

Individual results also show Staffordshire pupils have attained above the national average in reading, writing and maths. Reading is at over 73 per cent compared with 71 per cent nationally, and maths at nearly 76 per cent compared with 75 per cent nationally.

Above

In writing, which is assessed in school, nearly 78 per cent of pupils met the expected standard, above the national average of 76 per cent.

Councillor Philip White, cabinet support member for learning and employability at Staffordshire County Council, said: "The hard work and persistence of pupils is really paying off. We are now above the national average in every element of Key Stage 2, showing that the majority of pupils in the county have risen to the challenge and are meeting the standard expected of them."

"Along with our school improvement partner Entrust, we provide support to help raise standards in schools, including support on teaching, learning, and assessment. "Schools are also in partnerships with others to ensure they are making the most of local expertise and experience."

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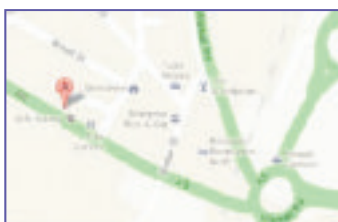
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Police chief encourages parents to bin knives

PARENTS have been asked to ensure knives at home are 'as secure as they can be' by a police chief looking to battle knife crime across the county.

As part of Staffordshire Police's knife amnesty, a letter has been sent out to parents asking them to 'just bin' a knife if they don't need it at home.

The idea is to reduce the risk of young people finding and carrying them.

Police chiefs recently warned that violence glorified on television, and in music and computer games, is at the heart of an increase in knives on the streets.

Risks

To try and decrease the possibility of knife crime among younger people, Wayne Jones, chief superintendent of local policing and operations, has written to parents across the county.

It reads: "I am sure you are only too clear of the risks associated with the carrying of knives in public and want to do everything you can to protect your children."

"Unfortunately the majority of knives and bladed

By **Jordan Harris**

articles that we find young people in possession of have come from their own home, so anything you can do to make sure your knives are as secure as they can be could make a huge difference.

"In every home in the county you will find knives. The amnesty is about getting rid of those that are surplus to requirements, particularly those that are ornamental, ex-military or combat styled which could easily ruin or end a life if used recklessly."

People are being urged to bin knives at their local police station, with a full list of bins suitable available at staffordshire.police.uk/bintheblade

Award for centre's help with amnesty



Clive Knowles, chairman of the British Ironwork Centre, receives the award from Chief Constable Gareth Morgan

STAFFORDSHIRE Police have presented the British Ironwork Centre with an award of special recognition for their efforts to remove knives from the streets.

Chief Constable Gareth Morgan presented the centre's chairman Clive Knowles with the award after his organisation's work to support the force's knife amnesty and work across the country to prevent people from carrying and using knives.

Last year's knife amnesty saw around 1,000 items handed in. The British Ironwork Centre, based at Oswestry, donated the knife bins the police use to collect the knives and then used the surrendered items to make a 26ft-tall Knife Angel sculpture.

The Ironwork centre continues to support the force in 2017 is hoping to get the Knife Angel sculpture placed on the 'fourth plinth' in Trafalgar Square. To do this it needs to reach 100,000 signatures on its petition and then the idea will be presented for debate in Parliament.

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Team Margot support after Ikeme diagnosis

THE family of a toddler who died from leukaemia have sent a message of support to Wolves keeper Carl Ikeme after he was diagnosed with the disease.

Yaser and Vicki Martini, who launched a worldwide campaign to find a bone marrow donor for their daughter Margot, have joined the huge public outpouring after the Nigerian international's blood cancer diagnosis was revealed.

Margot died aged just two after an unsuccessful bone marrow transplant but her story prompted thousands of people to join the stem cell register.

It also exposed the difficulty in finding donor matches for people from ethnic minorities or mixed heritage.

Therapy

Bone marrow stem cell transplants are a major treatment for leukaemia, as well as chemotherapy, radiation, biological and targeted therapy.

Mr Martini, whose wife Vicki hails from Essington, said: "We are shocked to hear about Carl's diagnosis and our hearts go out to him and his family."

It's ironic, because everyone at Wolves have been so supportive of Team Margot and we want to send our best wishes and our support, as they fight his cancer together."

The Team Margot Foundation was set up with a string of friends, family and supporters and is aimed at getting more people to join the stem cell register – particularly those from ethnic minorities and mixed backgrounds.

Mr Martini added: "As yet, it's unclear whether Carl will need to have a bone marrow transplant, but it's a certainty that he will need blood and



Wolves keeper Carl Ikeme



Margot Martini touched hearts

platelet donations to stay clinically well. Anyone reading this can help in two ways by signing up to become a blood donor and also registering as a potential bone marrow donor.

"Regarding bone marrow donation, we know first hand from Margot's experience that people with a mixed heritage and those from the black, Asian and minority ethnic communities have only a 21 per cent chance of finding a donor with a matching tissue type.

For this reason, we urgently need more people from these communities to join the bone marrow registers."

Wolves players, including club legend Steve Bull, have backed Team Margot's campaign. Margot's uncle Durand Bailey, who lives in Tettenhall

and runs Diffusion designer clothing store in Lichfield Street, knows Ikeme.

He said: "Carl is such a lovely man, a real gentleman. He has done so much to help others. We all wish him and his family well."

Wolves announced the 31-year-old had returned 'abnormal blood tests' as he returned for pre-season and further checks confirmed the diagnosis. He is to start a lengthy treatment programme. Ikeme and his family have been inundated with hundreds of messages of support, from Wolves, as well as other football clubs and fans.

To sign up as a blood donor visit: blood.co.uk. To find out how you can become a potential stem cell donor, go to teammargot.com

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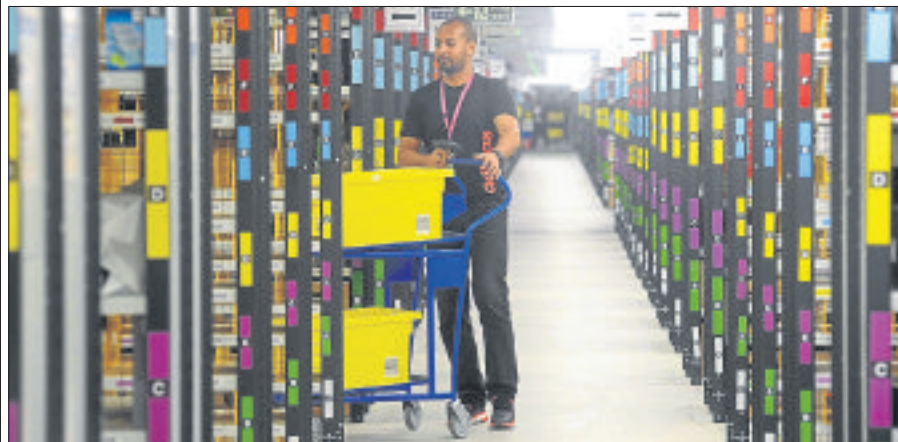
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Amazon still finds room for the human touch



An Amazon worker collects parcels in one of the picking towers at the company's warehouse in Rugeley

AMAZON is investing in robot pickers for its UK warehouses and is already testing drones for parcel deliveries.

But, while it continues to spend on automation to improve the speed and efficiency of its delivery operations, it is also hiring thousands more humans.

The human element is clearly hugely important for the company, which still relies heavily on people to pick and sort the parcels at its huge warehouse at Rugeley. At 700,000 sq ft – the size of 11 football fields – the facility already employs about 2,000

people after 500 of the 4,000 part-timers taken on over last Christmas were given full-time jobs.

Meanwhile, across the rest of the country, Amazon aims to create 5,000 jobs this year as it opens more sites.

But the skills of some of the people it is looking to hire – software developers, technicians and even flight test engineers – reveal the increasing move towards greater automation. The people at Rugeley sort, pick and despatch hundreds of thousands of items a day, but with sales still rising Amazon has

been investing in robots. Many of Amazon's latest hi-tech warehouses have robot pickers and automated shelves that move about – not in Rugeley yet, but the company is thought to have 45,000 robots working in 20 of its centres around the world.

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Theft victim veteran given new medals



Alfred Barlow receives his replacement medals from fellow blind veteran Alan Walker at Hampton Court Flower Show

A BLIND war veteran has been presented with a replacement set of Second World War medals after a Black Country business came to the rescue. Alfred Barlow, aged 96, was returning home from a pilgrimage to Normandy, France, where he fought on the beaches more than 70 years ago, when the medals were lost last month.

But now Awards and Honours in Compton Road, Wolverhampton, has donated a replacement set and mounted them for a presentation at Hampton Court Flower Show.

Tony and Angela Kirk run the specialist business and were so moved by the story they decided to help for free when approached by fellow veteran Alan Walker, 58.

Mr Barlow's wife Masie and his grandson noticed they were missing after he visited Norton Canes services on the M6 Toll on June 8. Mr Barlow said: "I've got some replacements now. It's not quite the same, but nevertheless I have got some medals that I have earned."

New parks and road in revised hub plan

TWO new parks and a public road are proposed in revised plans for a huge rail freight hub in the countryside.

Bosses behind the 700-acre West Midlands Interchange near Gailey say that the additions to the scheme come after more than 300 people responded to a consultation carried out last year.

Four Ashes Ltd has now launched a second consultation before applying for permission. Detailed reports have been published online and a series of public exhibitions have been organised.

Two new 'community parks' will be created - one near Calf Heath Village and Straight Mile to the south of the site and the other near Croft Lane off the A5.

Bosses have also committed to improving the canal-side of the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal and creating a 'community fund' to support local projects.

A new road linking the A5 and the A449, which can be used by the public, will also be built, aimed at cutting out pinch-points at the Gailey roundabout and Station Drive. It is estimated more

By Rob Golledge

than 3,000 lorries and 6,000 cars and vans will travel to and from the site every day when fully operational by 2035. Up to 10 freight trains will stop there each day.

Bosses say up to 8,550 new logistics jobs will be created but residents have launched a campaign against the multi-million pound project.

Designs and planning documents can be viewed at Brewood Library, Penkridge Library, and South Staffordshire Council offices in Codrall. Public exhibitions will be held on Thursday, July 20, at the Haling Dene Centre, Penkridge, 3-8pm; Friday, July 21, at Calf Heath Village Hall, 2-7pm; and Saturday, July 22, Coven Memorial Hall, 10am-2pm.

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No duck-ing out of town's annual race

RUGELEY & District Lions Club went crackers over quackers when, with the assistance of Staffordshire Search and Rescue Team, they held their fifth annual duck race at the Boardwalk in Rugeley.

There were 10 heats for the public and then a final which was won by Emma Bailey. Second was M Morgan and third Dawn Hopley. The corporate duck race was won by Fierro Garages and the best dressed duck was judged by the public to be from Lachmere Fashions.

Funds received amounted to just over £750 which will be divided between the two organisations.

Lions member Peter Fielding said: "There was a lot of enthusiasm from the public on the day, which made it all worthwhile. The club would like to thank everyone who supported by buying tickets and attending the event."

"Also, they would like to thank the various businesses in the town who helped sell tickets and joined in the fun by decorating ducks."



From left, information specialists Margaret Watts and Moray Hayman with facilities officer Jeremy Burman on board 'Betty', the Macmillan mobile information bus

Experts to hit the road with advice on cancer

FREE cancer advice and support is coming to Staffordshire next week.

Macmillan Cancer Support's mobile service will be visiting the county with cancer information specialists on hand to answer questions and provide information.

The team are encouraging anyone with worries relating to cancer to stop by, whether they are living with cancer, or care for someone who is.

The team are highlighting issues around the financial impact of cancer. Macmillan research shows that 83 per cent of people are, on average, £570 a month worse off because of a cancer diagnosis. This is often due to being unable to work and having

increased costs such as travel to hospital or increased fuel bills.

The mobile service will be in Cannock Market Place on Tuesday, July 18 from 10am to 4pm; Tesco Superstore, Brookside Road, Uttoxeter on Wednesday, July 19, from 9am to 3pm; and the Octagon Centre, Burton on Trent, on Thursday, July 20, from 9am to 3pm.

Julie Banks, a Macmillan Information and Support Specialist on the unit, said: "It's really important that people living with cancer are able to access the financial advice and support they are entitled to, so they can focus on what's most important - their health."

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Caribbean memorial campaign gets boost

A CAMPAIGN for a new monument to honour the contribution of soldiers and civilians from the Caribbean has taken a step forward.

A fresh fundraising push has been launched by the National Caribbean Monument Charity to raise £500,000 for a dedicated monument at the National Memorial Arboretum. Talks have taken place with managers about an unveiling in September 2019.

A potential site has now been agreed, meaning that the group can move ahead with fundraising.

Trustees have also spoken to a sculptor who is working on a design for the memorial, which will honour those who served in the First and Second World Wars, as well as other conflicts.

Sacrifices

One of the trustees is 65-year-old retired Royal Air Force Warrant Officer Donald Campbell, who lives in Tipton in the Black Country. "We have been to the National Memorial Arboretum to look at various sites and we have theoretically agreed on a site," he said.

"We have also engaged a sculptor who is working with us on a sketch.

"This memorial will uphold and remember their contributions and sacrifices to Britain and create a lasting legacy for present and future generations through educational programmes in schools, churches, community centres and organisations." The campaign

By Heather Large

started when Army veteran Pauline Milnes, who lives in London, visited the site at Alrewas two years ago and realised there was no dedicated monument for Caribbean soldiers.

The only mention she could find was of a 17-year-old Jamaican called Herbert Morris, who was shot at dawn during the First World War.

It is believed he was one of the youngest soldiers to be executed, although not the only one underage.

Private Morris was pardoned under Section 359 of the Armed Forces Act 2006, recognising that execution was not a fate he deserved.

Private Morris was just one of 15,600 men of the British West Indies Regiment who served with the Allied forces. Jamaica contributed two thirds of these volunteers, while others came from countries, including Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, the Bahamas, St Lucia and St Vincent.

Residents tormented by teenagers on roofs

TEENAGE jobs have been clambering onto roofs and intimidating residents in Penkridge.

Staffordshire Police said they became aware of an incident involving a large group of teenagers after concerns were expressed on social media. However, the force said it had not received an official complaint about them.

PCSO Andy Poxon said they now had the names of all of the suspected culprits who would be 'dealt with appropriately'. He said: "Staffordshire Police have been made aware of ASB in the Penkridge area on the night of the 5th July.

"This involved a large group of teenagers (Year 9) going onto the roofs of buildings and gathering outside a property to intimidate the residents.

"A number of these incidents have been discussed on social media but there have been no calls to the police.

"Staffordshire Police request that all incidents of ASB and Crimes are reported via the 101 number."

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Everything I do, is for a love of music

He's been nominated for 17 Grammy Awards, has been inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame and received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 2011.

Bryan Adams is a multi-platinum rock legend, who rose to fame with a string of huge hits in the 1980s including Summer of '69, Run to You and Heaven.

He's sold more than 100 million records and his 1991 single, (Everything I Do) I Do It For You remains a UK record-breaker, having spent 16 consecutive weeks at number one.

And yet for all of the success that Bryan has enjoyed in his 42-year career, he steadfastly refuses to look back. Bryan doesn't bother thinking about what he's done – he thinks about what he's about to do.

And this summer that's involved a series of sell out gigs around the UK as part of an open-air tour that has thrilled tens of thousands of fans.

Adams will bring his show to Worcester's Sixways Stadium tonight and fans can look forward to a slew of greatest hits.

He's looking forward to the show: "I'm delighted to be continuing my tour and heading to Worcester. It will give me an opportunity to perform tracks from my latest album Get Up as well as some of my earlier classics. It's going to be a special show and I hope my fans are able to join me."

Get Up helped to revitalise Bryan's career after he worked on the project with ELO mainman-cum-producer, Jeff Lynne. It was his 14th studio album and was his first recording of new material since 2008's 11.

The record was the product of an international record experience, with Bryan, Lynne and fellow collaborator Jim Vallance emailing one another work.

Bryan says: "It came together quite organically, song by song, working with Jeff producing over the past couple of years whenever he had time. It was a great partnership as it gave me plenty of time to write the songs, most of which are a collaboration with Jim Vallance. We all worked primarily over the internet from Canada, Europe and LA, sending demos and parts of songs until we got it right."

Bryan was delighted to work with Lynne, who is one of his friends.

"A friend of mine is also a friend of his. We were just talking, and I said, 'Oh, if you see Jeff, say hi from me'. He said, 'I will'. Then I got a message back: 'Oh, Jeff wants you to call him when you get to L.A. sometime.. So I called, [then] went up and saw him."

"Jeff said, 'Do you wanna cut a track sometime?'. I said, 'Yeah'."

"He did what I would imagine he does in any project that he's done: He sort of becomes a member of the band. In this case, on the majority of the tracks he produced on this album, he is the band. I had wanted to work with Jeff for a long time. When it finally happened I was elated."

The results were instant and Bryan enjoyed making the record. He was glad that he'd had a long spell between records – with only a covers album, Tracks of My Years, being released since 2008.

Bryan's manager Bruce Allen gives his charge plenty of time to come up with new ideas. He never hassles Bryan and leaves him to wait until the spirit moves him, before making a new record.

Summer of 2017 – Bryan Adams will play songs from his latest album



"Well, I'm always making songs, and what drives you isn't the past; what drives you is the future and what you're creating next. That's how I think about it. I don't think about what I've done; I think about what I'm about to do."

"I always have to try and find time to write. I've been working on songs. I have songs on my Bare Bones record, I have songs on my Tracks of My Years record. I have songs on my Sydney Opera House record. I have lots of new songs coming out. Get Up was the first sort of comprehensive [album]."

The record emerged out of nowhere. Initially, Bryan was only planning to record one song. But he was so happy with that that he carried on and made the whole record.

"When I heard the first track we did played back, I thought, 'Wow, we can't just stop here'. I kept

asking him to do more songs. That is how the album came about. I never actually said, 'Hey, can you produce my album?'."

"We did a track together, and one by one it grew. I would say, 'Wanna do another track?' He always said, 'Well, I've got my album to do'. I said, 'That's OK. Whenever you've got time'. I was in no hurry." Many 1980s artists have

Well, I'm always making songs, what drives you is what you're creating next

gone down the nostalgia route, opting to play the old hits and keep the flame alive.

But Bryan has travelled in a different direction. He's been deliberately finding new things to do so that he remains fresh and relevant to the modern idiom. He has no intention of trading on former glories and prefers to take photographs, play gigs and engage in philanthropic work.

"I was asked to go the nostalgia route, as you would call it, on the last album, 'Tracks of My Years', which I was reluctant to do. I would literally leave one studio where I was recording the covers with David Foster, and go to another studio where I was working on the new album with Jeff. That gave me the impetus to get through the Foster record, because I didn't enjoy that at all."

"I did it because my management and record company wanted me to. I got into it in the end. And David is a brilliant producer — nothing against him. It just wasn't something I really wanted to do. It was funny literally leaving one studio thinking 'ugh', then going into the [next] studio going 'ah!' It wasn't for the 'ah!' moments, I wouldn't have gotten through the 'ugh' moments."

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Ashley Shaw in the Red Shoes



Back by demand, Red Shoes cast steps out

FOLLOWING sell-out dates just five months ago, Matthew Bourne's ballet production of *The Red Shoes* returns to Birmingham Hippodrome next week.

From the beloved Hans Christian Andersen fairytale and Academy-award winning movie by Michael Powell and Eric Pressburger, dates in February sold out in record breaking time. Now the show is returning due to phenomenal demand.

The Red Shoes has seduced audiences and inspired generations of dancers with its tale of obsession, possession and one girl's dream to be the greatest dancer in the world. Victoria Page lives to dance but her ambitions become a battleground

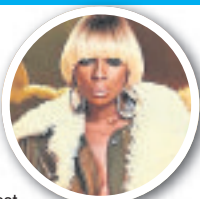
between the two men who inspire her passion.

New Adventures star Ashley Shaw, who also featured as Aurora in Bourne's production of *Sleeping Beauty*, takes on the role immortalised on the big screen by Moira Shearer.

Bourne's magical new adaptation of the legendary film reunites the team behind New Adventures' worldwide hit, *Sleeping Beauty* and is set to a new score arranged by Terry Davies, using the mesmerising music of golden-age Hollywood composer Bernard Hermann.

The Red Shoes runs on Wednesday and Thursday, July 19 and 20, with four performances in all, at 2pm and 7.30pm each day. For tickets see www.birminghamhippodrome.com or call 0844 338 5000.

Soulful sounds? Mary J will o-Blige



ICONIC Grammy award-winning singer, songwriter and actress Mary J. Blige is one of the defining voices of contemporary music and brings her soulful sound to the 02 Academy in Birmingham this weekend.

With a track record of eight multi-platinum albums, nine Grammy Awards, a 2012 Golden Globe nomination and five American Music Awards, Blige, born in The Bronx, has attracted an intensely loyal fan base and has sold more than 50 million albums worldwide.

In recent years, Blige has turned to acting, starring in *Rock of Ages*, alongside Tom Cruise, Alec Baldwin and Russell Brand in 2012. A year later, she starred as Betty Shabazz in the TV movie *Betty & Coretta*, a biographical story about the widows of Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr.

In November 2013 she appeared as the mysterious guardian angel Platinum Fro in the holiday musical film *Black Nativity*. Ramping up her acting career, Blige has guest-starred on the ABC comedy, *Black-ish* and the FOX musical drama *Empire* and as well as playing Evillene, the Wicked Witch

of the West, on the NBC musical, *The Wiz LIVE!*

Blige, pictured, most recently guest starred on ABC's, *How to Get Away with Murder* and is starring in *Mudbound*, opposite Carey Mulligan and Garrett Hedlund, which premiered to rave reviews this year at Sundance.

She performs at the Horse Fair venue in the Second City on Saturday night in support of her latest release, *Strength of a Woman*. For ticket information, call 0121 622 8250 or visit www.academymusicgroup.com/o2academybirmingham

Hue and Cry over date at Robin

US 'bubblegum punk' outfit The Dickies are celebrating 40 years in the business – and mark the occasion with an anniversary gig at Wolverhampton's Slade Rooms on July 22. Call 0870

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Elsewhere, brothers Pat and Greg Kane, alias Hue & Cry, pictured, perform at the Robin 2, Bilston on Sunday night, supported by Craig Pate. Canadian singer/songwriter Lee Aaron performs at the Mount Pleasant venue on Monday, with support from Iconic Eye. On Wednesday, talented Lisa Mills takes the stage. Pete Boddis supports. Call 01902 497860 or visit www.therobin.co.uk



Legends team up for one night only

Two entertainment veterans combine for a one-night only evening in Wolverhampton next weekend. Legends Des O'Connor and Jimmy Tarbuck come together, accompanied by music and video to reminisce at the Grand Theatre, Lichfield Street on July 22. Tickets for the 7.30pm show range in price from £17.50 to £37.50.

Meanwhile, there's still Room on the Broom to join the witch and her cat on their mission to defeat the dragon in Tall Stories' musical adaptation of the Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler book.

The Olivier Award-winning show features songs, laughs and scary fun for children aged three and upwards. It runs on July 17 (4.30pm) and 18 (10.30am and 4.30pm), with tickets from £12.50 to £14. Call 01902 429212 or visit www.grandtheatre.co.uk

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Paul O'Grady

Blind Date (Channel 5, 8pm)
Paul O'Grady plays cupid for 50-year-old Bournemouth Post Office manager Gary, who claims his loud shirts help him stand out from the crowd. Also seeking love is student Amy from Leeds, who works in a pub, and is nicknamed 'Dolly Daydream' by the punters due to her mind's tendency to wander. Both are given a chance to quiz their three potential sweethearts, before choosing one to spend more time with. Plus, Paul catches up with last week's couples.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Mary Berry Cooks. (R) **12.00** BBC News: Weather. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** Wimbledon 2017. Sue Barker presents coverage of the ladies' singles final.
6.25 **BBC News.**
6.35 **Regional Programme.**
6.45 **Pointless Celebrities.** (R)
7.30 **Pitch Battle.** The choral music contest reaches its fifth heat, as another six diverse groups seek to demonstrate their vocal skills. This time, the ensembles are young chamber choir Tring Park 16, West Midlands-based musical theatre enthusiasts Crescendo, Oxford University a capella group Oxford Alternatives, classical quintet Vox-xover, all-girl pop ensemble Vocalities, and Dublin barbershop choir The Ramparts. Each group is given a chance to display their speciality with a 'showstopper' performance, before battling it out with their rivals in a themed 'riff-off'. Guest judge Joe Jonas joins Gareth Malone and Kelis on the panel. Postponed from Saturday 8th July.
9.00 **Casualty.** Part one of two. Tensions between Jez, Iain, Mickey and Scott look set to reach fever pitch after Mickey is brought in to the ED, having been injured during a police chase following a race-related assault on a shopkeeper. Desperate to keep his relationship secret from his hardline brother Scott, Mickey puts on a front and insults Jez, but when Iain realises Scott has intimidated the shopkeeper's wife into silence, he decides to make use of his knowledge to ensure justice is done. Meanwhile, Max takes an interest in attractive mortuary assistant Tara during a speed-dating session at the Hope & Anchor, but the situation becomes complicated after Tara faints, resulting in an illuminating trip back to the hospital.
9.50 **BBC News:** Weather.; National Lottery Update.
10.10 **Film: Die Hard with a Vengeance.** (1995) New York cop John McClane pursues a terrorist threatening to set off a series of bombs around the city. Action thriller sequel, with Bruce Willis and Samuel L Jackson.
12.10 Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.15 BBC News.

BBC2

6.35 **Film:** Sylvia Scarlett. (1935) **8.05** **Film:** A Walk in the Sun. (1945) **10.00** Monty Halls' Great Irish Escape. (R) **11.00** Wimbledon: Wheelchair Finals. **12.30** **Hairy Bikers' Best of British.** (R) **1.15** **Film:** Forbidden Planet. (1956) Sci-fi drama, starring Walter Pidgeon. **2.55** Wanted Down Under. (R) **3.40** Natural World: Tiger Island. (R) **4.40** Flog It! (R) **5.25** Gardeners' World. (R) **6.25** **Wimbledon 2017.** Sue Barker presents coverage of the men's and ladies' doubles finals from the All England Club, as the penultimate day of action at this year's event draws to a conclusion. The men's final in 2016 was an all-French affair, with top seeds Nicolas Mahut and Pierre-Hugues Herbert defeating Julien Benneteau and Edouard Roger-Vasselin in straight sets. In the ladies' final, just hours after her singles final victory over Angelique Kerber, Serena Williams paired up with sister Venus to take the title for a sixth time.
8.00 **Today at Wimbledon.** Clare Balding presents highlights of the penultimate day's play from the All England Club, where the ladies' singles final took centre stage on Centre Court. The host also casts her eye over the men's and ladies' doubles finals, as the famous event drew ever closer to a finish.
9.00 **Imagine: Chris O'Hill – The Caged Bird's Song.** Alan Yentob catches up with Turner Prize-winning painter Chris O'Hill, whose latest work The Caged Bird's Song is a tribute to the Trinidadian landscape, hand-woven in wool.
10.00 **Mock the Week.** Topical comedy quiz show. (R)
10.30 **QI XL.** Ciarad Lloyd, Dermot O'Leary and Phill Jupitus compete alongside resident panellist Alan Davies, as Stephen Fry hosts an extended edition of the quiz show.
11.15 **Live at the Apollo.** Sitcom star and The Last Leg regular Josh Widdicombe welcomes Londoner Nathan Caton and Australian comic Celia Pacquola to the stage at London's Hammersmith Apollo. (R)
11.45 **Golf: Scottish Open.** Eilidh Barbour presents highlights of the third round of the European Tour event at Dundonald Links in Troon, Ayrshire.
12.45 **Film:** Salvage. (2009) **2.00** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids. (R) **6.20** Sooty. (R) **6.30** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Oddbods. (R) **7.05** Super 4. (R) **7.20** Marvel Avengers Assemble. (R) **7.45** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **8.10** Ben 10. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** The Voice Kids. (R) **10.50** **Film:** Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban. (2004) **1.25** ITV News: Weather. **1.35** ITV Racing: Live from Newmarket. Coverage of from York, Ascot and Newmarket. **5.00** Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs. (R) **5.30** Little Big Shots USA.
6.25 **Regional Programme:** Weather.
6.35 **ITV News:** Weather.
6.45 **Catchphrase.** Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show, asking contestants Emma, Ashley and May to 'see it and say it' as they try to guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues. After the first elimination, the two remaining players battle to reach the Super Catchphrase round, where one of them could win £50,000.
7.30 **The Voice Kids Semi-Final.** After weeks of auditions, and a full weekend of battles, the 12 remaining contestants now enter the semi-finals. Emma Willis presents as the junior singers once again step onto the stage to perform for coaches Danny Jones, Pixie Lott and Will.I.am, who each have four singers still in the running, and must cut two from their teams. As the grand final, the £30,000 prize, and the family holiday to Disneyland Paris draw ever closer, the young would-be pop icons must conquer their nerves and deliver their best performances yet.
9.30 **ITV News:** Weather.
9.45 **Film: Inception.** (2010) Premiere. A talented thief uses hi-tech devices to enter other people's dreams so he can steal their secrets. An industrialist hires him to perform a far more challenging job – to implant an idea into a corporate heir's mind, so he will think it is his own. However, the mission is compromised by the thief's own troubled psyche. Christopher Nolan's sci-fi thriller, starring Leonardo DiCaprio.
12.30 **The Chase.** (R) **1.25** Jackpot247. **3.00** Who's Doing the Dishes? (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.40 Triathlon: Cardiff. **7.05** Motor Sport: British GT. **7.30** Frasier. (R) **7.55** Frasier. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **8.50** **F1 Meets** Claire Williams. (R) **9.20** **F1 Meets** Toto Wolff. (R) **9.55** Formula 1 British Grand Prix Practice 3. Coverage of the third practice session. **11.25** **F1 Meets** Nigel Mansell. **11.55** Formula 1 British Grand Prix Qualifying Live. Coverage of the qualifying session at Silverstone (Start-time 1.00pm). **2.30** World's Most Expensive Cars. **3.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. (R) **4.35** Big House, Little House. **5.35** Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It. (R)
6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **World Para Athletics Championships London 2017.** Lee McKenzie, Arthur Williams and Ade Adepitan introduce coverage of the evening session on day two of the Championships, taking place at The London Stadium in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. A number of finals are scheduled to take place on the track this evening, including the men's T42 200m, T46 1500m and T11 5,000m, as well as the 100m in the T11, T12, T33, T34 and T47 categories. The 200m is set to dominate proceedings in the women's competition, with gold medals awarded in the T37, T38, T47, T53 and T54 categories. With expert analysis from Danny Crates, Sophia Warner, Liam Malone, and Ellie Robinson.
10.00 **Film: The Hunger Games.** (2012) A teenage girl in a dystopian future-America is forced to fight in a televised battle to the death. Sci-fi adventure, starring Jennifer Lawrence and Josh Hutcherson.
12.45 Ramsay's Hotel Hell. Gordon Ramsay visits a dog-friendly hotel in urgent need of help. (R) **1.35** 60 Days in Jail. Eight more volunteers go undercover as inmates in Clark County Jail, Indiana. (R) **2.25** Holyoaks. Omnibus. Granny Campbell wants Courtney to come back to Scotland and Grace freaks Warren out, while Darren plans a special foreign film night for Nancy. **4.25** Ackley Bridge. Mandy's personal and professional lives collide when Alya reveals her and Sadiq's affair at the school's first Open Day. Last in the series. (R) **5.20** Location, Location, Location. Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer head to Sheffield, where they search for a home for two doctors and try to find the ideal property for a firefighter and his wife to settle down in. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.15** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.50** Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud 2. (R) **11.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.10** Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun. (R) **1.10** Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun. (R) **2.05** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **3.05** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **4.00** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) **5.00** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R)
6.00 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** High Court enforcement officers Paul Bohill and Steve and Ben Pinner face their biggest eviction yet – taking on squatters in a large central London office block. With the help of the police, they try to remove a suspected group of 70 from the building, but with a barricade in place, the team faces a challenging operation ahead. Elsewhere, officers are confronted by an army of family and friends when they attempt to enforce a writ at the property of a debtor, and face a difficult eviction at the north London home of a heavily pregnant tenant and her family, after the council fails to pay the rent to the landlord. (R)
6.55 **5 News Weekend.**
7.00 **Cricket** on 5. England v South Africa. Highlights of the second day's play in the Second Test of the four-match series, which took place at Trent Bridge in Nottingham. With commentary by Graeme Smith, Geoffrey Boycott, Simon Hughes, Michael Vaughan and Mark Nicholas.
8.00 **Blind Date.** Paul O'Grady plays cupid for a 50-year-old Post Office manager from Bournemouth and a student from Leeds, before catching up with last week's couples.
9.00 **Big Brother.** Daily round-up of highlights, featuring more games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat.
10.00 **FIA Formula E: New York.** The first New York ePrix race. Action from the first of two races staged at the Brooklyn Street Circuit in New York, which served as the ninth round of the season.
11.30 **Criminals: Caught on Camera.** Nick Wallis joins police forces across the country to reveal how CCTV and technological advances are helping to ensure convictions against shoplifters. (R)
12.00 SuperCasino. **3.10** Film: Sniper. (1993) **4.50** Great Artists. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Britain's Lost Waterlands: Escape to Swallows and Amazons Country **8.00** The Last Seabird Summer? **9.00** I Know Who You Are **11.20** Top of the Pops: 1984 **11.55** TOTP2: Boy Bands **12.50** Rollerama: Britain's Biggest Boy Band **1.50** The Richest Songs in the World **3.25** TOTP2: Boy Bands **4.20** Close
ITV2
11.10 Take Me Out **12.20** The Voice Kids **1.50** You've Been Framed! Gold: The Next Generation **2.55** Film: The Smurfs (2011) **3.55** FYI Daily **4.00** Film: The Smurfs (2011) **5.00** Film: St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) **6.00** FYI Daily **6.05** Film: St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold (2009) **7.10** Film: Gravity (2013) **8.10** FYI Daily **8.15** Film: Gravity (2013) **9.00** Love Island: The Weekly Hot List **10.00** Celebrity Juice: Massive Election Special **10.50** Family Guy **12.20** American Dad! **1.15** Film: Scary Movie 4 (2006) **2.15** FYI Daily **2.20** Film: Scary Movie 4 (2006) **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen
ITV3
11.50 Goodbye Mr Chips **1.55** Wycliffe **3.00** Lewis **5.05** Agatha Christie's Marple **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Law & Order: UK **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping
ITV4
11.00 Tour de France Highlights **12.00** Tour de France Live. Coverage of stage 14 of the most prestigious race on the calendar. **5.00** Better Late Than Never **6.00** Monster Carp **7.00** Tour de France Highlights **8.00** Live World Series of Darts: Las Vegas. Coverage of the concluding day of the event. **12.00** Dirtquake Motorbike Festival **1.00** Tour de France Highlights **2.00** BRDC Formula 3 Championship Highlights **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping
E4
1.00 The Goldbergs **3.00** Film: 101 Dalmatians (1996) **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Salt (2010) **11.00** Gogglebox **1.05** Tattoo Fixers **2.10** Rude Tube: OMFG **3.05** Gogglebox **4.00** New Girl **4.25** How I Met Your Mother **5.10** Rude(ish) Tube
Film4
11.00 Night Passage (1957) **1.00** Baggage Claim (2013) **2.50** Tooth Fairy (2010) **4.50** A League of Their Own (1992) **7.20** Men in Black II (2002) **9.00** X-Men: Days of Future Past (2014) **11.35** Evil Dead (2013) **1.30** The Duke of Burgundy (2014) **3.40** Close

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CHOICE



Laura Fraser

The Loch (ITV, 9pm)

A body is pulled from the Loch and soon identified by the pathologist – while a photograph in the dead man's wallet provides Annie and Quigley with a vital clue. Annie tries to gather further evidence by talking to a desperate Mhari, who refuses to believe the terrifying possibility she is presented with concerning her own son. Albrighton is threatened with arrest by Quigley, but nevertheless continues to pursue his own theory about the killings – even if it means putting his life on the line to prove himself right. Last in the series.

BBC1

9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** BBC News: Weather. **12.30** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** Wimbledon 2017. Previewing the men's singles final. **1.50** Wimbledon 2017. Coverage of the men's singles final.

6.30 BBC News.**6.50 Regional Programme.**

7.00 Countryfile. Ellie Harrison visits a Scottish island that is home to the largest puffin colony on Britain's east coast, and Sean Fletcher investigates the history of fruit growing in Fife. Plus, Tom Heap reports on the spread of bovine TB among goats and Adam Henson joins a member of ordnance survey as he maps field margins.

8.00 Fake or Fortune? Fiona Bruce and art experts Philip Mould and Bendor Grosvenor come to the aid of a man who has inherited three paintings that he believes were painted by LS Lowry. However, he cannot prove whether they are the genuine article, and since Lowry is the British artist whose work is most frequently forged, it will take a great deal of evidence to convince the art establishment of their value. The search for the truth leads to a discovery that challenges established beliefs about the artist's life. (R)

9.00 Poldark. Ross gives some of Nampara's land to the peasants so that they can provide for themselves, while he and Demelza also come to the aid of Dwight, who is terribly traumatised by his experiences of imprisonment in France. George tries to force Morwenna into marriage to further his political ambitions – an arrangement that Geoffrey unwittingly lets slip to Drake.

10.00 BBC News.**10.20 Regional Programme.**

10.30 Would I Lie to You? Comedy panel show, hosted by Rob Brydon, in which team captains David Mitchell and Lee Mack are joined by celebrity guests to deceive their opponents with plausible lies. (R)

11.00 The Week the Landlords Moved In. A transformative series challenging some of Britain's most successful landlords to spend an eye-opening week living in one of their own rental properties. (R)

12.00 Weather for the Week Ahead.

12.05 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **6.45** The Instant Gardener. (R) **7.30** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.30** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** Wimbledon Wheelchair Finals. The men's wheelchair singles and ladies' wheelchair doubles finals. **12.30** Nigel Slater: Eating Together. (R) **1.00** Haiky Bikers' Best of British. (R) **1.45** Film: Father of the Bride Part II. (1995) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Martin. **3.25** Wanted Down Under. (R) **4.10** Meerkats: Secrets of an Animal Superstar. (R) **5.10** Songs of Praise. **5.45** Flog It! (R)

6.30 Wimbledon 2017. Sue Barker presents coverage of the mixed doubles final at the All England Club, as the successors to 2016 champions Henri Kontinen and Heather Watson are crowned on Centre Court. Finnish player Kontinen and home favourite Watson caused one of the fairytale stories of last year's event, defeating defending champions Leander Paes and Martina Hingis in the third round and eventually overcoming Robert Farah and Anna-Lena Groenefeld 7-6, 6-4 in the final.

8.00 Film: The Lone Ranger. (2013) A lawyer is left for dead after an ambush in which his Texas ranger brother is killed, but is saved by a mysterious Native American fugitive. Concealing his identity behind a mask, he and his new ally hunt down the outlaws behind the attack – only to find their actions are just part of a larger evil scheme. Western, starring Armie Hammer, Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham Carter. Edited for daytime broadcast.

10.20 Today at Wimbledon. Clare Balding and guests look back at highlights of the men's singles final at the All England Club, along with the day's other finals.

11.20 Golf: Scottish Open. Eilidh Barbour presents highlights of the final round of the European Tour event at Dundonald Links in Troon, Ayrshire, where Alexander Noren entered as the defending champion.

12.20 Athletics: Diamond League Rabat Highlights. The 10th Diamond League event of the season from Morocco. **1.20** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.15** Holby City. Jac and Fran get the shock of their lives. (R) **3.15** This Is BBC Two. Preview of upcoming programmes.

ITV

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6.10 The Celebrity Chase. Bradley Walsh presents as celebrity contestants Mike Bushell, Annabel Croft, Rhea Bailey and Rylan Clark-Neal pit their wits against ruthless quiz genius the Chaser in the hope of winning a potential prize pot worth thousands of pounds. They must work as a team and play strategically to answer general knowledge questions against the clock and race down the game board to the exit without being caught.

7.10 The Voice Kids Final. Emma Willis presents the grand final of the junior version of the singing talent contest, with the six remaining youngsters getting their final shot at stardom. Coaches Will.I.am, Danny Jones and Pixie Lott will be stepping aside, as the choice of overall winner will be decided entirely by viewers' votes. Last in the series.

9.00 The Loch. A body is pulled from the Loch, and a photograph in his wallet provides a vital clue. Albrighton continues to pursue his theory, putting his life on the line. Last in the series.

10.00 ITV News: Weather.

10.20 Judge Rinder's Crime Stories. Barrister Robert Rinder examines the cases of a boy who was kept as a slave for 13 years and a widow who trusted her son to manage her husband's estate with tragic results. (R)

11.20 Take Me Out. (R) **12.30** Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 Last Man Standing. **6.40** Last Man Standing. **7.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Fraser. (R) **8.30** Fraser. (R) **9.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.00** Formula 1 British Grand Prix Live Build-Up. Previewing the 10th round of the season. **12.35** Formula 1 British Grand Prix Live. Coverage of the 10th round of the season (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.10** Formula 1 British Grand Prix Live Reaction. A review of the 10th round of the season. **4.30** World's Most Expensive Cars. **5.35** The Restoration Man. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 World Para Athletics Championships London 2017. Arthur Williams, Sophie Morgan and Lee McKenzie present coverage of the evening session on day three of the Championships, which takes place at The London Stadium in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Among the finals scheduled to take place tonight are the women's T42 100m and T35 200m, as well as the men's T13 and T44 100m, the T54 1500m, and the F35 shot put. With expert analysis from Stef Reid, Danny Crates, David Weir, and Liam Malone. Coverage continues on More4.

9.30 The Handmaid's Tale. The Commander takes Offred on a surprising adventure that introduces her to one of Gilead's best-kept secrets, and Nick's troubled past leads to his being recruited by the Sons of Jacob.

10.35 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Jonathan Ross, Lee Mack and Victoria Coren Mitchell join regulars Jon Richardson and Jimmy Carr for the words-and-numbers game. (R)

11.35 Film: The Lincoln Lawyer. (2011) A cynical lawyer realises the rich man he is defending on a rape charge may have escaped justice for another attack in the past. Thriller, with Matthew McConaughey and Marisa Tomei.

1.45 The World's Weirdest Weather. Sunlight appears to transform water into liquid gold. (R) **2.40** The Last Leg. A light-hearted review of the World Para Athletics Championships. (R) **3.35** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **4.00** Gillette World Sport. **4.30** Mobil 1 The Grid. (R) **5.00** Location, Location, Location. Two couples house-hunt in Hastings. (R) **5.55** 3rd Rock from the Sun. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Pip Ahoy! **6.10** Mr Men. (R) **6.20** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.30** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.35** Wipper. (R) **6.40** Paw Patrol. (R) **6.55** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.05** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.15** Only the Little White Van. (R) **7.20** Only the Little White Van. (R) **7.25** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.40** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.05** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.20** Wipper. (R) **8.35** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.50** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.10** Little Princess. (R) **9.25** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.35** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.45** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **10.05** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.40** Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **11.05** Kittens Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **12.55** Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **1.55** Film: Racing Stripes. (2004) **3.45** Film: Alvin and the Chipmunks. (2007) **5.30** FIA Formula E Live.

7.10 Cricket on 5. England v South Africa. Highlights of the third day's play in the Second Test of the four-match series, which took place at Trent Bridge in Nottingham.

8.00 That's So 1981. An entertaining reflection on the year, which saw the wedding of Lady Diana Spencer and Prince Charles draw a global record audience of 750 million people, US president Ronald Reagan and Pope John Paul II survive assassination attempts, the first Rubik's Cube world championship, the Magic Stick become the latest must-have toy and in music the emergence of the New Romantic era. (R)

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights, revealing how the housemates are getting on under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chat-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.

10.00 Film: 21 Jump Street. (2012) Two youthful-looking cops are sent undercover as high-school students to bring down a drugs ring. Comedy inspired by the 1980s TV series, starring Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum. Includes 5 News Update at 11pm.

11.00 5 News Update.

11.05 Film: 21 Jump Street. (2012) Concluded.

12.15 OMG! Boy Beauty Addicts. **1.10** SuperCasino. **3.10** Little Divas: Tantrums & Tiaras. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Lucy Worsley: Mozart's London Odyssey **8.00** BBC Proms 2017 **10.00** Horizon: Asteroids – The Good, the Bad and the Ugly **12.00** Dissected: The Incredible Human Hand **1.00** Britain's Whale Hunters: The Untold Story **2.00** Atlantis – The Evidence **3.00** Lucy Worsley: Mozart's London Odyssey **4.00** Close

ITV2

11.50 Ninja Warrior UK **12.50** Film: Babe (1995) **1.55** FYI Daily **2.00** Film: Babe (1995) **2.40** The Voice Kids Semi-Final **4.40** Film: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) **5.40** FYI Daily **5.45** Film: Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) **6.20** Film: The Amazing Spider-Man (2012) **7.20** FYI Daily **7.25** Film: The Amazing Spider-Man (2012) **9.00** Love Island **10.00** Love Island: Aftersun **11.05** Family Guy **12.30** American Dad! **1.25** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **1.55** Planet's Funniest Animals **2.15** Teleshopping

ITV3

11.40 The Darling Buds of May **12.50** Wycliffe **1.55** Foyle's War **4.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **8.00** The Booze Cruise III **10.00** Law & Order: The Best House Win **5.05** Rising Damp **5.30** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4

11.00 Tour de France Highlights **12.00** Tour de France Live. **5.30** Pawn Stars **6.00** Fierce **7.00** Tour de France Highlights **8.00** Film: Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment (1985) **9.05** FYI Daily **9.10** Film: Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment (1985) **9.50** Film: The Glimmer Man (1996) **10.55** FYI Daily **11.00** Film: The Glimmer Man (1996) **11.40** Film: Crank (2006) **12.40** FYI Daily **12.45** Film: Crank (2006) **1.30** Tour de France Highlights **2.25** Tommy Cooper **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.00 Film: Space Chimps 2: Zartog Strikes Back (2010) **12.40** Rude (ish) Tube Shorts **1.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** The Crystal Maze: Celebrity Special **9.00** Film: Speed (1994) **11.20** Tube Tube **12.25** Gogglebox **1.25** Tattoo Fixers **2.30** 8 Out of 10 Cats **3.10** The Goldbergs

Film4

11.00 The Wackiest Ship in the Army (1960) **1.00** Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) **2.45** Carry On Spying (1964) **4.30** The Jewel of the Nile (1985) **6.35** Grease (1978) **9.00** Men in Black 3 (2012) **11.10** Machete Kills (2013)

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MONDAY

Fatal Performance, Channel 5, 3.15pm

An aspiring actress, working as a waitress, is offered a lucrative contract to impersonate the wife of a businessman during a prestigious reception event in their home. However, she soon learns the devious truth behind the proposal and what seemed like a simple job soon turns into a nightmare scenario. Thriller, starring Nicholle Tom and David Palffy. (2013)

TUESDAY

Stolen Daughter, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A detective who specialises in finding missing children is banned from the case when her own teenager is abducted. But determined to find the girl, she defies her superiors and embarks on her own investigation to save her flesh and blood before it is too late. Crime drama, starring Andrea Roth, Nicole Munoz, Steve Bacic and Matthew Kevin Anderson. (2015)

WEDNESDAY

Marriage of Lies, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A woman accused of being responsible for her husband's disappearance begins to uncover many secrets about the man she married while attempting to prove her innocence. Mystery drama, starring Virginia Williams. (2016)



Legally Blonde, Friday, Channel 5, 7.55pm

THURSDAY

Kidnapped: Desperate Hours, Channel 5, 3.15pm

An American wife's world is turned upside down when her husband, the son of a Mexican newspaper publisher, is kidnapped. Drama, starring Teri Polo, Esai Morales, Nicholas Gonzalez, Olivia d'Abo, William R. Moses and Danny Mora. (2011)

FRIDAY

Legally Blonde, Channel 5, 7.55pm

A seemingly dizzy teenager is heartbroken when her boyfriend dumps her because he thinks she is not intelligent enough to help his political career. To prove him wrong she enrolls at Harvard, but finds herself out of her depth as other students do their best to humiliate her. Comedy, starring Reese Witherspoon, Luke Wilson, Selma Blair, Matthew Davis, Victor Garber, Jennifer Coolidge, Holland Taylor and Raquel Welch. (2001)

Uncovering a different side to the beautiful game

In 1914, as a generation of young men signed up to serve king and country, so too did the women who were left behind, as hundreds of thousands took on traditional male roles previously considered too dangerous for women.

The most familiar image of these was the munitions girl, and as the female workers formed strong bonds on the factory floor, their friendships spilled over onto the playing fields during their breaks.

Informal kickabouts became a popular pastime, and they were encouraged by the factory management who deemed them good for health, well-being and moral.

As the war progressed, so did the women's game, and football teams emerged from the munitions factories.

Initially, the novelty of women playing football was used to raise money for war charities, with crowds flocking to see the so-called 'munitionettes' take on teams of injured soldiers and women from other towns and villages.

The most famous of the wartime teams was Dick, Kerr Ladies FC from Preston. Founded in 1917, their first match drew a crowd of 10,000, and by 1920, a Boxing Day match against St Helen's Ladies was watched by 53,000 spectators at Goodison Park, with another 14,000 locked outside the ground trying to get in.

However, this so-called 'golden era' of women's football was to be short-lived.

As the men arrived back from the front to take up their old jobs, women were expected to return to domestic life.

Then on December 5, 1921, the Football Association published a report that offered three key reasons why women's football matches should henceforth be banned from taking place on their pitches.

Firstly, it said that football was "quite unsuitable for females."

Secondly, there were complaints about "the conditions under which some of these matches have been arranged and played."

And finally, the council suggested that "an excessive proportion of the receipts are absorbed in expenses and an inadequate percentage devoted to charitable objects."

As a result the FA called on clubs belonging to the associations "to refuse the use of their grounds for such matches", and the subsequent ban changed the course of the women's game forever.

It wasn't until 1971 that the FA finally lifted the ban, in the same year UEFA that recommended the women's game should be taken under the control of the national associations in each country.

This move signalled the start of a female football revival, not only in Britain but around the world.

In this documentary, Clare Balding investigates why it has taken the current generation 46 years to achieve something remotely close to the success of the First World War footballers.

She also asks why there continues to be a massive gap between women's and men's football.



When Football Banned Women, Tuesday, Channel 4, 10pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

Letterbox BBC2, 6.30pm

New series. Game show hosted by Mel Giedroyc, as pairs of contestants go head-to-head to crack a series of passwords, in an attempt to take home £2,500 in cash. As the teams solve the passwords, they win letters that will help them later in the game, giving them a better chance of cracking the final password which unlocks the Letterbox holding the cash prize. However, if they end up as the losing pair along the way, they'll have to surrender all the letters they've won to the winning pair - who will then go through to the semi-final eliminator round.

TUESDAY

Inside the Factory BBC2, 8pm

The British are no strangers to a cup of tea - quite the opposite, in fact. It may be stereotypical to suggest that we're a nation of tea-drinkers, but many of us can't wait for a brew as soon as we wake up, and feel that the day hasn't begun until we've consumed our first cup or mug of the stuff. But what goes into making the humble bags millions of Brits feel they can't function without? The first in a new run of this programme reveals all. Gregg Wallace, Cherry Healey and Ruth Goodman

investigate the origins and production of the national drink. While Wallace visits the factory that produces a quarter of the tea found on supermarket shelves, Healey explores an African tea processing plant and Goodman reveals how troops risked their lives to brew up during the Second World War.

WEDNESDAY

UEFA Women's Euro 2017 Channel 4, 7pm

England v Scotland (Kick-off 7.45pm). Coverage of the opening match in Group D for both sides, which takes place at Stadion Galgenwaard in Utrecht, Netherlands. Having finished third at the most recent World Cup, England will be among the favourites to win this tournament, but will be keen to perform better than they did at the 2013 Championships, when a record of one draw and two defeats saw them finish bottom of their group. Meanwhile, this is the first appearance at a major championships for Scotland, and it is somewhat apt that they make their debut against England given their first-ever international match in 1972 was against the same opposition.

The Sweet Makers: A Tudor Treat BBC2, 8pm

Many of us have a sweet tooth, and can't get enough of sugary treats. This is not, however, a modern phenomenon, as this new, three-part series reveals. Chocolatiers Diana Short and Paul



The Sweet Makers: A Tudor Treat, Wednesday, BBC2, 8pm

A Young, sweet consultant Andy Baxendale and wedding cake designer Cynthia Stroud are taking a trip back in time to find out what life and work was like for their Tudor predecessors. They learn how the nation's love of sweets developed, and how the tables of the aristocracy boasted fantastic displays of sugar craft, which showed off their owners' wealth and status. The quartet will also spend four days using original recipes, ingredients and equipment to create dishes that haven't been made, let alone tasted, for hundreds of years.

THURSDAY

RHS: Tatton Flower Show 2017 BBC2, 7.30pm

Monty Don and Joe Swift present the first of two visits to the horticultural event in Cheshire, with the help of Carol Klein, Toby Buckland and Arit Anderson. The team explores the diverse range of show gardens, including the designs for the compact 'back-to-backs', and Monty celebrates the next generation of planters and landscapers. Carol shares her guide to getting the best out of hydrangeas and Joe quizzes champion growers in the hope they will give up some of some of their fruit and vegetable-producing secrets.

FRIDAY

Golf: The Open Championship BBC2, 8pm

Ellidh Barbour present highlights of the second day of the prestigious event, which takes place at Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Southport. Today's play will have seen the competitors attempting to make the cut and qualify for the weekend's rounds, and avoid the fate that befell several notable players at last year's event, including Ernie Els, Tommy Fleetwood, Paul Casey and Louis Oosthuizen. Fleetwood, who is from Southport, will be looking to perform well.



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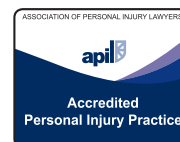
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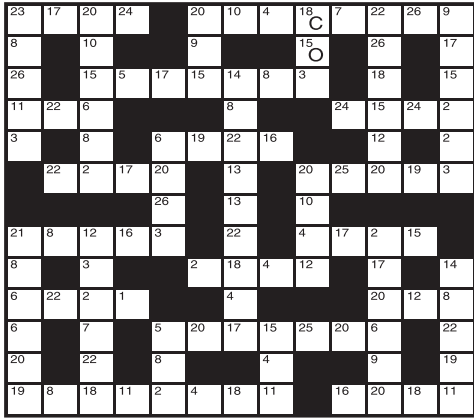


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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both

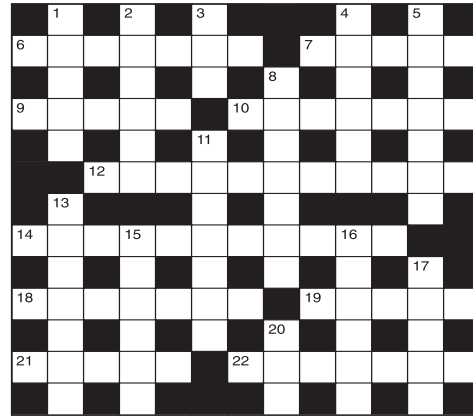
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- Give support to the wrong seer (7)
- Somehow trust a prop (5)
- Keep away from a chasm (5)
- Feel affection for everybody when there's no score (4-3)
- Instructed lower classes? (5,6)
- In good health when leaving, and certainly rich (4,4,3)
- A friend takes Vera out for a long conference (7)
- It's meant to be boring when the doctor is unwell (5)
- Purloined lady's wrap (5)
- The limitation of the player who may substitute? (7)

Down

- Serious place to end up! (5)
- Put little work into wrong choice (6)
- Permitted to have a tenant (3)
- Go there to finish an abstainer (6)
- Try clue for knives, forks, etc. (7)
- Loco men adapted eyeglass (7)
- Allowed, indeed to be expunged (7)
- A ten-play forfeiture (7)
- Youth leader is in good time every twelve months (6)
- Dishonest blacksmith? (6)
- A fitting standard of comparison (5)
- Crave letter, for example (3)



Quick Clues:

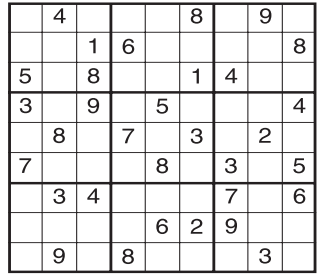
Across

- Extract (7)
- Female fox (5)
- Sum (5)
- Solidify (7)
- Unconcerned (11)
- Basic (11)
- Rapture (7)
- Frighten (5)
- Stop (5)
- Flourish (7)

Down

- Laud (5)
- Keep (6)
- Copy (3)
- Digit (6)
- Residue (7)
- Limit (7)
- Send away (7)
- Expedite (7)
- Hate (6)
- Confront (6)
- Avidity (5)
- Arid (3)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

1	9	7	6	2	5	3	8	4
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6	8	1	3	7	2	9	4	5
4	5	3	9	1	8	7	2	6
7	2	9	4	5	6	1	3	8

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Mastermind; 7 Metre; 8 Dresses; 10 Off-drive; 11 Miss; 13 In line; 15 Andrew; 17 Ivan; 18 Salesmen; 21 Nodding; 22 Outdo; 23 Crowd scene. Down: 1 Motif; 2 Steering; 3 Endive; 4 Meet; 5 Nastier; 6 Imposition; 9 Sash window; 12 Antelope; 14 Leander; 16 Barges; 19 Mitre; 20 View. QUICK - Across: 1 Suspension; 7 Aroma; 8 Traffic; 10 Familiar; 11 Dawn; 13 Sorrow; 15 Middle; 17 Else; 18 Gather in; 21 Portion; 22 Risen; 23 Lead the way. Down: 1 Storm; 2 Stallion; 3 Entrap; 4 Slap; 5 Offhand; 6 Half-asleep; 9 Concerning; 12 Withdraw; 14 Reserve; 16 Launch; 19 Risky; 20 Kind.

Quiz

- What type of animal is a prairie dog?
- How are birds of the order Strigiformes known?
- Which prime minister adopted the three-day week policy?
- Of which US river is the Red River a tributary?
- What is the capital of Paraguay?
- By which judicial procedure may a US president be brought to trial?
- Who wrote The Naked Lunch in 1959?
- Which two countries comprise Iberia?
- To which family of fishes does the burbot belong?
- In Greek mythology, who was the father of Icarus?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 South Western Townships; 2 South Pole; 3 Hyena; 4 Prussian; 5 Michael Palin; 6 Painting; 7 Berlin; 8 Music; 9 Swallowing; 10 New Zealand.

Niner: FURTIVELY

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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gives a bird,
gives a second bird,
gives a male bird.

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Take it oh so-slow in eco-edden

SURROUNDED by fjords, forests and fields, Oslo is an urban metropolis wrapped in nature.

The Green Party are in power as part of a local coalition government, pushing through initiatives such as a car-free city centre, improvements in cycle highways and public buses powered by biofuel – and it's even been named Green Capital of the World for 2019.

If you're on a mission to go green in Norway's eco Eden, check out Loseter City Farm and Bakehouse.

Straining their iron necks far beyond the steel skyline, a chain of cranes is a reminder of the building work under way in Oslo's Bjorvika bay area. A new Munch museum, opera house and library are all on the cards for 2020. But amidst the tangle of disused train tracks and dual carriageways is a scene more idyllic than industrial, with BMWs and Audis occupying the same vista as a horse and cart.

Oslo's urban farm sits below two iconic concrete towers on the edge of the city, where roads are superseded by swathes of pine forest.

As part of the Future Farmers art project helmed by American Amy Franceschini, 100 growing boxes were given to the community and a city farmer was employed to help people learn how to grow (he's on site every Wednesday). "Growing and empathy with nature can help the decision-making process," says project organiser Anne Beate Hovind.

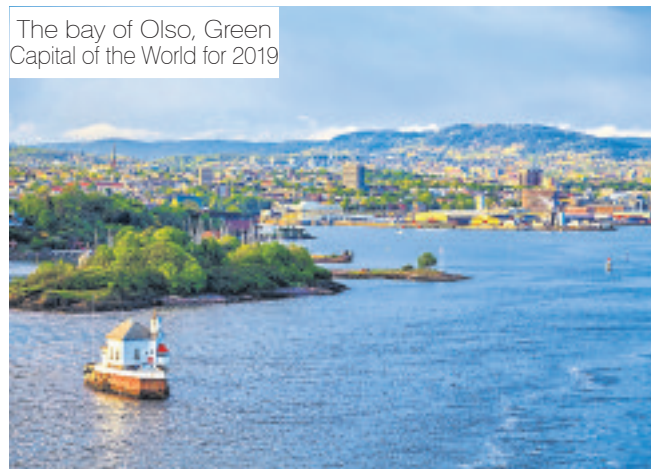
A Bakehouse designed to resemble the hull of a Viking ship has rescued ancient grains, providing a space for community baking sessions, and there are plans to introduce a pig and hens – one day. For more information, go to www.loseter.no/en

Also worth checking out is Restaurant Kontrast. No-one likes waste, especially at the dinner table. But there's no risk of leaving any forlorn morsels trailing the

Oslo's opera house, in the Bjorvika area



The bay of Oslo, Green Capital of the World for 2019



rims of plates at this one Michelin star restaurant, tucked discreetly below an arcade in the city's trendy Vulkan district. Even the distance travelled by ingredients is carefully monitored; 80 per cent of the menu is sourced from within an hour of Oslo.

As a result, the six or ten course tasting menu (from £88/950 NOK-£135/1450 NOK) is a tour of Norway's finest farms; dishes might include scallops from the island of Froya, or skrei, a spawning cod swimming in the waters around Lofoten. Chef Mikael Svensson's menu makes use of everything available in the larder –

so if a pork shoulder slow-cooked for 36 hours appears as a main meat dish, don't be surprised to taste pig lard buttered on sides of bread.

Tongues, brains, stems and stalks all have their place, making Kontrast even more innovative than Oslo's high-flying crop of forward-thinking restaurants. If you're teetotal, or want a night off the sauce, try the juice flight of cold teas, fruits and herb infusions. Visit www.restaurant-kontrast.no

Another attraction is the Scandic Vulkan Hotel. Hotels by their very nature aren't especially eco-friendly, but

Scandic Vulkan is attempting to make commendable amends by employing green gadgetry, such as solar cells and running on geothermal energy.

This was the first hotel in Norway to be given an official Class A energy rating, meaning it uses resources extremely efficiently. Each of the 149 rooms features a recycling bin for plastics and paper, and bicycles can be borrowed for free to explore the local area. Rooms from £93 (1000 NOK) per night with breakfast. Visit www.scandichotels.com

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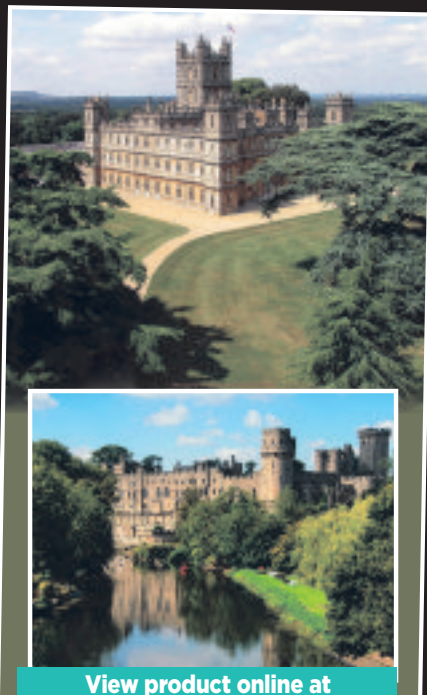
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Deceptively spacious home with three double bedrooms

Being deceptively spacious, 2 Sanstone Road, Bloxwich, has three double bedrooms, a well appointed kitchen and a superb bathroom.

It is for sale through Paul Carr at offers over £300,000.

Having double glazing and central heating, this property is set back from the road behind a drive which has ample off-road parking space.

A spokesman for the selling agent said: "This deceptively spacious bungalow must be viewed to fully appreciate the scope of the accommodation on offer."

A doorway leads into an entrance porch and continues on into an L-shaped reception hallway which continues through the property.

The lounge has French doors opening onto the rear garden and the dining room leads off from the well appointed fitted kitchen. This has a range of wall and base units as well as an integrated fridge/freezer, washing machine, a built-in hob and oven with an extractor over.

There are three generous double bedrooms, a superb bathroom with a separate shower cubicle and a separate WC.

Externally there is a well maintained rear garden which is predominantly laid to lawn with side access from the front of the property.

The selling agents are expecting the sale of this superb bungalow to generate a lot of interest. Therefore, viewings are being strongly advised.

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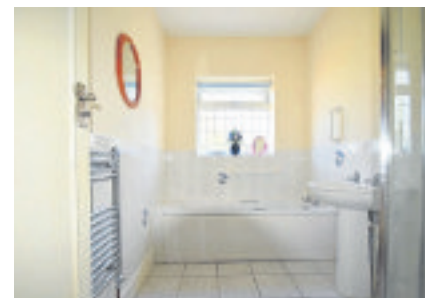
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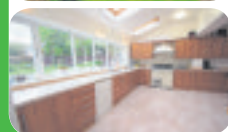
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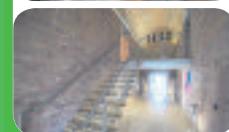
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- Grade 2 Listed Building
- Stylish Kitchen
- Motivated Seller
- Gas Central Heating

£279,950



Meriden Close, Cannock

- Detached Bungalow
- 3 Bedrooms
- Very Spacious
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Cul De Sac Location
- Garage
- No Upward Chain
- EPC - TBC

£255,000



Building Plot, Hednesford Road, Heath Hayes

- Development Opportunity
- Well Regarded Location
- Planning Granted - Plans Available
- Four Detached Homes

£250,000



- Privately Appointed Plots
- Motivated Seller



Short Street, Cannock

- Charming Period Style Detached Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Standing On Corner Plot
- Gas Central Heating

£220,000



- Detached Double Garage
- Delightful Garden
- Viewing Essential
- Double Glazing



Rowan Close, Huntington

- Four Bed Detached Home
- Stylish Dining Kitchen
- Spacious Lounge & Conservatory
- Bathroom & Ensuite
- Garage & Downstairs WC
- Low Maintenance Rear Garden
- Close To Cannock Town
- Immaculately Presented

£215,000



Pebblemill Close, Cannock

- Four Bedroom Detached Gas Central Heating System
- Well Regarded Location
- Close To Cannock Town
- No Upward Chain

£200,000



- Fitted Kitchen & Dining Area
- Spacious Living Room
- Gas Central Heating System



New Plant Lane, Chase Terrace

- Modern Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Immaculate Condition
- Lounge/Diner

£189,950



- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Garage
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Popular Location



Heath Gap Road, Cannock

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Dining Kitchen
- Extensive Private Rear Garden
- Very Well Presented
- Utility Area
- Seller Found A House To Buy

£184,950



Primrose Meadow, Heath Hayes

- Corner Plot Feature
- Two Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Dining Kitchen

£137,500



- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazed
- Driveway
- EPC - D



Bowers Court, Bowers Lane, Rugeley

- Comprising Of Four Semi Detached Family Homes
- Three Bedrooms
- Open Plan Dining Kitchen

Prices From £215,000



- Two or Three Storey Available
- High Specification
- Please Call The Office For Further Details



- Corner Plot In Small Cul-de-Sac
- Three Good Size Bedrooms
- Could Be Split Into 4 Bed
- Spacious Lounge / Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen & Utility
- En-suite Shower Room & Bathroom

£188,000



- Three Bed Detached
- Corner Plot In Cul-de-sac
- Bathroom & Ensuite
- Converted Garage
- Lounge/Diner
- No Chain Involved

£175,000



- MODERN TOWN HOUSE
- OPEN PLAN KITCHEN / DINER
- THREE BEDROOMS
- ENSUITE & DRESSING AREA
- GARDEN & GARAGE
- SOLD WITHIN 4 DAYS

£175,000



- Three Bedroom Semi
- Three Reception Rooms
- Double Glazed
- Conservatory
- Garage and Parking at Rear
- In Need Of Modernisation
- No Chain Involved

Offers Over £145,000



- NO CHAIN INVOLVED
- TWO BED END TERRACE
- CONSERVATORY
- CLOSE TO RAILWAY STATION
- GARAGE / PARKING AT REAR
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEM

£130,000



- Park Home
- Two Bedrooms
- Modern Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Corner Plot
- Gas Central Heating

£110,000



Property being sold via modern auction

SLADE HEATH

£220,000

For sale by the Modern Method Auction, Old Stafford Road, Slade Heath, near Wolverhampton, has a starting bid set at £220,000 plus a reservation fee.

This three-storey property is for sale by The West Midlands Property Auction, powered by iam-sold Ltd, and is being marketed by DB Roberts & Partners.

A spokesman for DB Roberts & Partners said: "This is a truly unique former pool house with three bedrooms, off-road parking and extensive planning permission."

There is a large lounge with double doors opening out to the garden, a fitted kitchen and a store room, two first floor bedrooms and a bathroom, a second floor third and potential fourth bedroom.

Call DB Roberts & Partners on 01902 427257.



Well-sized three-bedroom semi now on the market

RAWNSLEY

£149,950

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A smart three-bedroomed semi-detached house, 566 Littleworth Road, Rawnsley, was built in the popular interwar period, positioned close to Cannock Chase.

It is for sale through Boot & Son at £149,950.

It has a reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, a bathroom, gardens and a garage space. It is also fully double glazed and has gas central heating.

In more detail the porch has a sliding patio access door. The reception hall has a storage cupboard.

The lounge has a bay window and the dining room has a tiled fireplace with an open fire. The part tiled kitchen has ceramic tiled flooring.

The gardens include a paved patio and lawns.

Contact Boot & Son on 01543 505454 or visit www.bootandson.co.uk



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Charming family property with handy one-bed annexe

This beautiful detached property in Uxbridge Street, Hednesford, has been refurbished to a high specification.

It is for sale through Jayman Estate Agents at £490,000.

The accommodation comprises an entrance hall, a downstairs WC, a lounge, a sitting room, a kitchen, a conservatory, an office, four

HEDNESFORD

£490,000

bedrooms, a family bathroom and a separate WC.

The property also benefits from having an annexe which comprises of its own lounge, a kitchen/diner,

downstairs WC, a bedroom and a bathroom. Outside, the property is approached via a paved driveway and there is an extensive garden to the rear.

There are other benefits with this property including a garage with an incorporated gym, a lodge and a gated entrance.

Call 01543 505566.

Norton Canes Hawthorn Drive NEW







Butters John Bee are delighted to bring to the market this well presented modern semi detached house which is situated on the new Chasewater Grange development in Norton Canes. The house in brief consists of an entrance hall, guest WC, lounge, modern fitted kitchen, master bedroom with en-suite, two further bedrooms, family bathroom, driveway and an enclosed rear garden.

3 1 2 EPC B **£195,000**

Heath Hayes Hobby Way




2 1 1 EPC C **£115,000**

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Cannock Redwood Drive NEW







This well presented semi detached house is situated in a popular residential area only a short distance from both Cannock and Hednesford town centres. Internally the well appointed accommodation consists of an entrance hall, spacious lounge, kitchen/diner, conservatory, three bedrooms and bathroom. Outside there is a block paved driveway, garage and a low maintenance garden. Internal viewing recommended.

3 1 1 EPC C **£165,000**

Heath Hayes Blithfield Place NEW



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Similar Properties Required

3 2 2 EPC D **£245,000**

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3 1 2 EPC C **£170,000**

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Heath Hayes Van Gogh Close



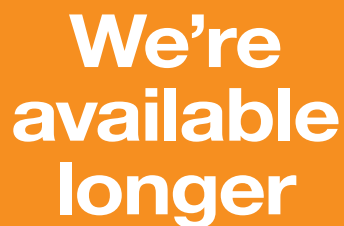
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2 1 1 EPC D **£140,000**

Great Wyrley Achilles Close BY AUCTION



3 2 1 EPC F **£70,000**



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- £150,000**

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- £265,000**

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- SOLD**
- £200,000**

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- £267,500**

- Five Bedroom Detached • Two En-Suites & Family Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway • Open Plan Kitchen Diner
- Rear Garden • EPC = C

Boston CloseHeath Hayes



NEW PRICE

£149,000

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached House • Kitchen Diner
- Modern Bathroom with Bath & Shower • Utility Area
- Paved Rear Garden for Off Street Parking • EPC = D

Clover MeadowsHeath Hayes



NEW PRICE

£235,000

- Detached Family Home • Lounge & Open Plan Kitchen
- Conservatory & Downstairs WC • Four Bedrooms
- Sought After Location • EPC = E

Peterborough DriveCannock



NEW PRICE

- Four Bedroom Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen with Breakfast Bar
- Conservatory
- Downstairs WC
- Integral Garage & Driveway
- Rear Garden with Patio and Lawn
- EPC = D



£260,000

Queens RoadCalf Heath



NEW

With excellent access to nearby commuter links, this extended three bedroom detached property sits on an enviable plot in the sought after village of Calf Heath. To the ground floor the home comprises of; entrance hallway, modern living room, kitchen with integrated appliances and the extended lounge dining room. The property also boasts a SECOND kitchen with double doors out to the garden and access in to the garage which currently has been split by a stud wall to form a study and storage area. Upstairs we have the three bedrooms, two of them double, and the family bathroom. Externally this home has a driveway to the front and a lovely sized, mature rear garden with laid lawn and entertaining area.



£330,000

Dundalk LaneCheslyn Hay



£175,000

- Semi Detached Dorma Bungalow • Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms • Fitted Kitchen
- Gardens, Parking and Garage • EPC = D

Hill StreetHednesford



NEW

£249,950

- Four Bedroom Detached House • Downstairs WC
- Two Reception Rooms & Kitchen • Driveway & Garage
- Mature Rear Garden • EPC = D

Brooke RoadHednesford



£220,000

- Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow • Conservatory
- South Facing Rear Garden • Fitted Kitchen With Appliances
- Garage & Driveway • EPC = D

LongacresHednesford



£95,000

- One Bed Room Flat • Ground Floor
- Rear Garden • Outbuilding / Snooker Room
- Driveway & Garage for Three Cars • EPC = E

Sherwood DriveCannock



NEW

- Offered with No Upward Chain
- New Build House
- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- En Suite to the Master Bedroom
- Downstairs WC
- Driveway
- Front & Rear Gardens
- EPC = B



£170,000

Mill StreetCannock Centre



£194,950

- Superb Four Bedroom Detached • Recently Renovated
- Refitted En Suite Shower Room • 19ft Conservatory
- No Upward Chain • EPC = D

Hill StreetNorton Canes



£210,000

- Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow • Extended To The Rear
- Loft Room Currently Used For Storage • Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage & Driveway • EPC = TBC



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NEW

**ST THOMAS WAY
HAWKSYARD**

●● Shared Ownership - 42% share ●● A well presented semi-detached property located on modern housing development. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated parking to front. Landscaped enclosed garden to rear. EPC Rating C

£69,300

NEW PRICE

**ARCH STREET
RUGELEY**

In need of work is this two bedroomed traditional terraced property within walking distance to the town centre. Lounge, Kitchen, Downstairs Bathroom, First Floor Landing with Two Double Bedrooms. Courtyard garden to rear. EPC Rating - G

£99,950

NEW

**GLOVERS HILL COURT
BRERETON**

A modern two bedroomed ground floor apartment being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas centrally heated and UPVC double-glazed throughout. Communal Entrance Hall, Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated parking and communal gardens. EPC RATING - C

£109,950

NEW

**HAGLEY ROAD
RUGELEY**

A two bedroomed mid terraced property located within walking distance to the town centre and local amenities. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazed. Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms, Luxury Bathroom, Garden to Front and Rear. EPC RATING - D

£119,995

NEW

**UPFIELD WAY
RUGELEY**

CASH BUYERS ONLY
A three bedroomed semi-detached located in a cul-de-sac position within walking distance to the local schools and amenities. Side Entrance Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen and Lean To. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Driveway with Carport and Garage. Garden to rear. EPC Rating E

£120,000

NEW

**GREEN LANE
RUGELEY**

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN is this gas centrally heated semi-detached property located within walking distance to the town centre. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Downstairs WC. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. EPC RATING - D

£125,000

NEW

**MOSS GREEN
RUGELEY**

A well presented three bedroomed semi detached property having Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room and Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Detached Garage. Gardens to Front and Rear. Viewing Recommended. EPC Rating - C

£145,000

**ST THOMAS WAY
HANDSACRE**

A well presented semi-detached property positioned on popular modern development. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms, En-suite Shower Room and Bathroom. Driveway to side. SINGLE GARAGE. Enclosed garden to rear. EPC Rating - B

£175,000

NEW

**REDMOND CLOSE
ETCHINGHILL**

A large family home offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. In need of modernisation and refurbishment. Side Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen. First Floor Landing with Five Bedrooms and Bathroom. Large frontage with Single Garage. Enclosed Garden to rear. EPC Rating E

£179,950

**HILLSIDE DRIVE
HEDNESFORD**

A five bedroomed semi-detached property. Entrance Hall, Inner Hall, Lounge, Conservatory, Breakfast Kitchen, Family Room and Bedroom with En-suite. First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom with Study/Dressing Room, Three Additional Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom. Large Driveway offering ample off road parking. Garden to rear. EPC Rating - D

£199,995

NEW

CRABTREE WAY, HAWKSYARD

Viewing of this beautifully presented attached family home is essential to truly appreciate. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Guest Cloakroom. First Floor Landing with Three Bedrooms, En-suite Shower Room and Family Bathroom. Enclosed Garden to rear. SINGLE GARAGE. EPC Rating B

£195,000

NEW PRICE

**GREEN LANE
RUGELEY**

A traditional good size three bedroomed detached house on a large plot is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Kitchen and Lounge Diner. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway with Off Road Parking. Paved Fore Garden and Large Garden to Rear with Out Buildings. EPC Rating - D

£224,950

NEW

**ROWAN DRIVE
HANDSACRE**

A three bedroomed detached family home. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Kitchen, Utility Room and Snug. First Floor Landing with En-suite to Master Bedroom, Two further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Driveway and GARAGE. Garden to rear. EPC rating E

£235,000

NEW

**FORTESCUE LANE
RUGELEY**

Offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN is this two bedroomed individual detached bungalow in popular location close to the town centre. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Single Garage with W.C. Gardens to front and rear. EPC RATING - C

£255,000

NEW

**BURNTHILL LANE
RUGELEY**

A well presented family home in sought after location. Entrance Hall, Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room and W.C. First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom with ensuite, Second Bedroom with Ensuite, Three Further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Driveway with garage. Gardens to front and rear. EPC RATING - C

£275,000

NEW

**LOWER BIRCHES WAY
RUGELEY**

A beautifully presented and refurbished family home benefiting from UPVC double-glazing and Gas central heating. Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen/Family Room, Utility Room. First Floor Landing with Four Bedrooms, refurbished En-suite and Family Bathroom. Driveway to front with SINGLE GARAGE and enclosed private garden to rear. EPC Rating D

£295,000

**BISHTON HOUSE
ADMASTON**

Delightful mews house is unusual in its design as it is set out with the bedrooms to the ground floor enabling the owners to appreciate the far reaching views over the open countryside from the first floor reception rooms. Originally part of the Blithfield Estate, The Old Rectory development must be viewed to appreciate the simply stunning setting. EPC RATING - C

£435,000

NEW

CHURCH STREET, RUGELEY

An executive detached within the Chancel Catchment Area. Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Study, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room and Guest Cloakroom. First Floor landing with Master Bedroom with En-Suite, Two Further Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Second Floor landing with Two Bedrooms and a Shower Room. Gardens to front and rear. Double detached garage

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£795 pcm



ARMITAGE ROAD RUGELEY

Detached bungalow with ample parking. Comprises of Through Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Shower room. Gardens to front and rear. Garage. VIEWING RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. PETS CONSIDERED. EPC Rating D DEPOSIT £900

£675 pcm



BOW STREET, RUGELEY

Semi detached property, re-furnished to a high standard, comprises of open plan Lounge/Kitchen with some appliances, Two Bedrooms and Shower Room. Patio area at rear. On road parking. VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKING. EPC Rating E - TBC DEPOSIT £795

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SPRINGFIELD ROAD RUGELEY

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£525 pcm



BOW STREET RUGELEY

This delightful period property has been thoughtfully renovated and refurbished throughout by the Landlord to provide six spacious one and two bedroomed apartments. The apartments are ideally positioned for access to the town centre and all its local amenities. Internal viewing is absolutely essential to appreciate.

NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. EPC Rating TBC
DEPOSITS range from £725

Prices range from £520pcm to £545pcm



ANGLESEY HOUSE ARMITAGE

Modern first floor apartment. Comprising of security entrance system, Entrance Hall, open plan Lounge/ Kitchen, Two Bedrooms with master having walk in dressing area, Bathroom, Balcony. Allocated Parking. VIEWING RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS. EPC Rating C DEPOSIT £725

£550 pcm



YORK CLOSE RUGELEY

Modern First Floor Apartment in sought after location. Accommodation comprises Entrance hall with stairs leading to Lounge, Kitchen with some appliances, Bathroom and Double Bedroom. Allocated Parking. VIEWING RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC RATING C DEPOSIT £623

£450 pcm



CHAPEL MEWS CANNOCK

Well presented first floor flat comprising of Entrance Hall, open plan Lounge/Kitchen, One spacious double Bedroom and Shower Room. Electric Heating and Double Glazing. A number of energy saving improvements have been made to the property. Off Road Parking. Communal area at rear. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. NO DSS. DEPOSIT £623

£435 pcm



KEYSTONE MEWS RUGELEY

Well Presented first floor flat comprising of Lounge, Kitchen, one double Bedroom and Bathroom. Electric Heating. Allocated Parking. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC rating C DEPOSIT £588

£425 pcm



FORGE MEWS RUGELEY

Ground floor flat within walking distance of the town centre. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, One Double Bedroom, Shower Room. Garden to front. VIEWING RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating D DEPOSIT £657

£475 pcm



KEYSTONE MEWS RUGELEY

A first floor two bedroomed flat UNFURNISHED within walking distance to the town Centre. Electric Storage Heating and Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, First Floor Landing, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Shower Room. One Allocated Parking Space. NO DSS. NO PETS. NO SMOKERS EPC Rating C - DEPOSIT £685

£495 pcm



BREWERY STREET RUGELEY

Refurbished Studio Apartment in town centre location comprising open plan living space with fully fitted Kitchen and appliances. Lounge/Bedroom area with spacious Shower Room. Communal entrance with Coded Security system. VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating D DEPOSIT £575

£415 pcm



UPPER BROOK STREET RUGELEY

Modern second floor flat comprising of Entrance Hall, open plan Lounge/Kitchen with appliances, One Bedroom with built in wardrobes. Shower room. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. VIEWING RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. DEPOSIT £547

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- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Shower room
- ◆ Detached garage
- ◆ Corner plot gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating D (67)

£169,950 FREEHOLD

24 HAWTHORNE ROAD, CHESLYN HAY

WELL MAINTAINED THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
located in Popular Area of The Village
Convenient For Wide Range of Local Facilities

- ◆ Canopy porch & entrance lobby
- ◆ Lounge/dining area
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Integral garage
- ◆ Well stocked gardens & off road parking
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ EPC rating D (67)

£159,950 FREEHOLD

4 JOHNSGATE, BREWOOD

CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE
Located on Crestwood Park In This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

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- ◆ Utility and cloakroom
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Ensuite shower room and bathroom
- ◆ Integral garage
- ◆ Well stocked gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating D (65)

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- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Shower room
- ◆ Utility
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- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Allocated parking (No pets allowed)
- ◆ For persons aged 50 and over

£76,950 LEASEHOLD

THE OAKLANDS, 6 KENDERDINE CLOSE, BEDNALL

NO CHAIN

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED FIVE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE ENJOYING VIEWS OVER GREENBELT FARMLAND TO REAR
In Popular Cul-De-Sac On The Edge Of This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- ◆ Three reception rooms
- ◆ Refitted kitchen and utility
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Five bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted family bathroom and ensuite shower room
- ◆ Detached double width garage
- ◆ Landscaped private rear gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ and intruder alarm
- ◆ EPC rating C (72)

£585,000 FREEHOLD

86 PLATT STREET, HEDNESFORD

NO CHAIN

TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE LOCATED IN POPULAR POSITION
Convenient For Access to Facilities

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Kitchen and utility room
- ◆ Dining room/possible bedroom 3
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gardens and off road parking
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ EPC rating F (34)

£166,950 FREEHOLD

430 LITTLEWORTH ROAD, HEDNESFORD

NO CHAIN

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED BUNGALOW OCCUPYING SECLUDED POSITION IN PRIVATE DRIVE
Convenient For Facilities at Hednesford, Heath Hayes and Cannock Centres

- ◆ Side reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Fitted breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Possible garage space
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (72)

£164,950 FREEHOLD

44 SHAWS LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

NO CHAIN

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW LOCATED IN POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA OF THIS MUCH SOUGHT AFTER SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE VILLAGE
Convenient For Wide Range of Local Facilities

- ◆ Lounge with dining area
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted shower room
- ◆ Sun lounge and cellar storage area
- ◆ Gardens and off road parking
- ◆ Electric heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Viewing recommended
- ◆ EPC rating F (27)

£216,950 FREEHOLD

43 HUNTSMANS RISE, HUNTINGTON

NO CHAIN

CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac with Extensive Panoramic Views Over Sports Field and Farm Land Towards Shropshire and The Wrekin to the Rear

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Ensuite shower room and bathroom
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Store room and utility room
- ◆ Off road parking and gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating D (59)

£184,950 FREEHOLD

566 LITTLEWORTH ROAD, RAWNSLEY

THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE BUILT IN THE POPULAR INTERWAR PERIOD
Located In Popular Position Close to Cannock Chase

- ◆ Reception hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining room
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gardens and garage space
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ EPC rating D (56)

£149,950 FREEHOLD

FLAT 5, TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT
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- ◆ Communal hall, stairs and landing
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- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Bathroom and en-suite shower room
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Allocated parking space
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating C (80)

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SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW
Sited at Head Of Cul-De-Sac In Popular Residential Area

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Landscaped gardens
- ◆ Carport & extensive off road parking
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: D (64)

£775pcm

8 RAILWAY STREET, CANNOCK



WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Originally Built In The Popular Inter War Period Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining area
- ◆ Refitted kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted shower room
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: E (52)

£625pcm

1C CANNOCK ROAD, BURNTWOOD



WELL PRESENTED ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT
Convenient For Local Facilities

- ◆ Entrance lobby
- ◆ Hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Bedroom
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: D (67)

£450pcm

18 BLACKHAM ROAD, ASHMORE PARK, WEDNESFIELD



TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE

- ◆ Lounge & dining area
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Side porch & utility area
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ Sorry no DSS, smokers or pets
- ◆ EPC rating: D (58)

£550pcm

1 CLOCK MEWS, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE



SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Sited On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park

- ◆ Fitted dining kitchen
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Inner hall
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Oil fired central heating
- ◆ Communal grounds & parking
- ◆ EPC rating: C (69)

£650pcm (Plus Service Charge)

2 STAG PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE



WELL EQUIPPED SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Sited On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Oil fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Enclosed rear terrace
- ◆ Communal grounds & parking
- ◆ Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- ◆ EPC rating: C (71)

£665pcm (Plus Service Charge)

35 GORSEY LANE, CANNOCK



CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE
Offering Well Equipped Accommodation Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- ◆ Sitting room & living room
- ◆ Double glazed conservatory
- ◆ L-shaped breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Utility room/cloaks room
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ En-suite shower room
- ◆ Extensive parking and garage
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: D (57)

£1400pcm

11 VICTORIA TERRACE, NORTH STREET, BRIDGTOWN



WELL EQUIPPED SPACIOUS SECOND FLOOR FLAT
Convenient For Transport Links & Local Facilities

- ◆ Entrance lobby
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Allocated secure parking
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: C (79)

£525pcm

339 LONGFORD ROAD, CANNOCK



TWO BEDROOM BUNGALOW
Located In Sought After Residential Area

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ UPVC double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Shower room
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Garage
- ◆ Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- ◆ EPC rating: D (61)

£625pcm

17 HIGHFIELD AVENUE, BURNTWOOD



THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- ◆ Lounge/dining room
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Side verandah
- ◆ Bathroom & separate WC
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Garage
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: tbc

£695pcm

50 GLADSTONE ROAD, HEATH HAYES



WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ UPVC double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Shower room
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Detached garage
- ◆ Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- ◆ EPC rating: D (66)

£695pcm

4 HATHERTON HOUSE, PENKRIDGE



WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
Located In Sought After Area Convenient For Facilities At The Village Centre

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ En-suite shower room
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Double glazed
- ◆ Allocated parking
- ◆ Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- ◆ EPC rating: C (77)

£550pcm

232 HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK



WELL EQUIPPED AND PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM MID MEWS HOUSE

- ◆ Cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gardens & off road parking to the rear
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers, DSS or sharers
- ◆ EPC rating: tbc

£595pcm

18 KINROSS AVENUE, HEDNESFORD



WELL APPORTIONED DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located In Sought After Residential Area

- ◆ Lounge & dining area
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Master bedroom with dressing area & en-suite
- ◆ Three further bedrooms
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Off road parking
- ◆ Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- ◆ EPC rating: D (58)

£850pcm

76 LANGDALE DRIVE, CANNOCK



THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOME
Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Centre

- ◆ Lounge/dining area
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Integral garage
- ◆ Gardens
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- ◆ EPC rating: C (72)

£695pcm

39 TOWER VIEW ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY



SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT

- ◆ Entrance hall
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Shower room
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Electric heating
- ◆ Communal grounds and parking
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- ◆ EPC rating: D (63)

£475pcm

48 ST JOHNS ROAD, CANNOCK



THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Centre

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Breakfast kitchen
- ◆ Ground floor WC
- ◆ Three double bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted family bathroom
- ◆ Built-on garage
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ Sorry no DSS, pets, smokers or children
- ◆ EPC rating: F (35)

£695pcm

10 SPIRES CROFT, SHARES HILL



CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac In This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- ◆ Cloakroom with WC
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Refitted open plan dining kitchen
- ◆ Four bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted en-suite shower room
- ◆ Refitted family bathroom
- ◆ Detached double width garage
- ◆ Well stocked mature gardens
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: D (64)

£1300pcm

3 PARK STREET, CHESLYN HAY



WELL PRESENTED MID TERRACED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining room
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Cellar
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS allowed
- ◆ EPC rating: D (61)

£625pcm

16 BROMLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD



WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Dining kitchen
- ◆ UPVC double glazed conservatory
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted bathroom
- ◆ Refitted en-suite shower room
- ◆ All windows double glazed
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: C (71)

£650pcm

4 RICKYARD PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE



TWO BEDROOM BARN CONVERSION
Located On The Picturesque Country Estate Of Teddesley Park

- ◆ Open plan lounge/kitchen
- ◆ Landing
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Bathroom
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Oil fired central heating
- ◆ Enclosed foregarden
- ◆ Communal grounds & parking
- ◆ Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: B (82)

£595pcm (Plus Service Charge)

34 BROADMEADOW LANE, GREAT WYRLEY



IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- ◆ Lounge/dining room
- ◆ Refitted kitchen
- ◆ Two double bedrooms
- ◆ Refitted bathroom
- ◆ Built-on garage
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Large gardens
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: D (62)

£625pcm

6 STAG PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE



ATTRACTIVE THREE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Sited On The Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park

- ◆ Guests cloakroom
- ◆ Lounge
- ◆ Kitchen
- ◆ Three bedrooms
- ◆ En-suite shower room
- ◆ Family bathroom
- ◆ Oil fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- ◆ EPC rating: C (75)

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EPC C

Grindcobbie Grove, Rugeley



NEW

Offers Around £120,000

Terrace Property
Three Bedrooms
Large Living Room

Modern Kitchen
Parking To Rear
EPC D

Mountside Street, Hednesford



NEW

Offers Around £130,000

Semi Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Large Kitchen / Diner

Utility
Off Road Parking
EPC E

York Road, Cannock



NEW

Offers Around £150,000

Semi Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Lounge

Kitchen
Rear Garden
Awaiting EPC

Horseshoe Drive, Cannock



Offers Around £150,000

End Terrace Property
Three Bedrooms
Kitchen

Lounge
Allocated Parking
EPC C

Greenwood Park, Hednesford



REDUCED

Offers Around £165,000

Semi Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Lounge / Diner

Garage
NO CHAIN
EPC D

Forge Close, Churchbridge



REDUCED

Offers Around £165,000

Semi Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Side Garage

Popular Location
No Chain
Awaiting EPC

Shaws Lane, Great Wyrley



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Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Lounge
Traditional Kitchen
Rear Garden
EPC D

Offers Around
£190,000

Hollyoak Way, Cannock



NEW

Offers Around £179,950

Terrace Property
Three Bedrooms
Lounge

Conservatory
Rear Garden
EPC C

Badgers Way, Heath Hayes



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Offers Around £190,000

Link Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Lounge

Kitchen
Conservatory
EPC D

John Street, Cannock



Offers Around £195,000

Domer Semi Detached Bungalow
Four Bedrooms
Fitted Kitchen

Rear Garden
Garage
EPC E

Ansty Drive, Cannock



Offers Around £195,000

Link Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Lounge

Kitchen
Garage
EPC D

Hill Street, Hednesford



Offers Around £200,000

Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Lounge

Kitchen
Conservatory
EPC D

Pye Green Road, Cannock



Offers Around £240,000

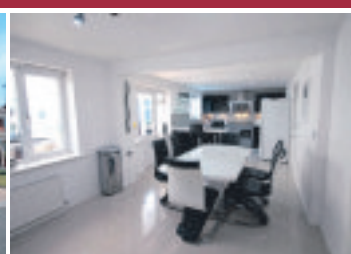
Detached Property
Three Bedrooms
Lounge

Dining Room
Rear Garden
Awaiting EPC

Canterbury Drive, Rugeley



REDUCED



Detached Property
Four Bedrooms
Kitchen Diner
Conservatory
Viewing Highly
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EPC C

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In more detail the bathroom has a bath with a shower over and tiled flooring.

Of the two bedrooms, one has a range of wardrobes.

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Truly stunning bungalow with a large private rear garden

CANNOCK
£190,000

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A stunningly presented two-bedroomed bungalow with a large private rear garden in Heath Gap Road, Cannock, is for sale through Marwood Homes at £190,000.

With gas central heating and double glazing, this property has a porch/entrance hall, a spacious living room leading to a conservatory, an open plan kitchen, a dining room with a utility area and a modern bathroom.

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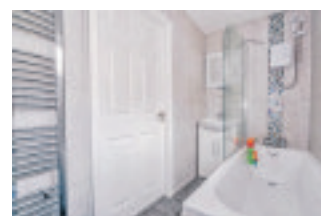
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- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted Family Bathroom,
- Rear Garden
- Garage

ASKING PRICE £185,000

NEW

**HEATH HAYES
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- Modern Semi
- Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner

- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- NO CHAIN

£130,000

NEW

**HEATH HAYES
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- Good Size Family Home
- Hall
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory

- 3 Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master
- Family Bathroom
- Driveway

£220,000

NEW

**CANNOCK
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- Modern Semi Detached
- Through Hallway
- Guests WC
- Fitted Kitchen

- Lounge/diner
- Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms
- Driveway

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NEW

**CHESLYN HAY
HAWKS CLOSE**



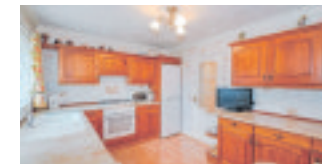
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- Lounge
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- Three Bedroom
- Bathroom
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- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms

- Bathroom
- Garage
- Driveway
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£260,000

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Distinctive, charming detached family home

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£469,950

The Mill Cottage in Old Stafford Road, Slade Heath, Coven, is a delightful detached residence of considerable charm and distinctive individuality, having spacious accommodation in a versatile layout.

Presented to an excellent standard with many attractive interior design features, it is for sale through Bartlams at £469,950. It is pleasantly positioned in a semi-rural setting some six miles to the north of Wolverhampton city centre, off the main A449.

The property has a comfortable combination of inherent rustic character and superb contemporary-style specification which blends most effectively with particularly fine light oak joinery detailing and luxurious appointments.

The property has LPG-fired central heating and double glazed windows. Call 01902 845215.



Deceptively spacious bungalow in desirable area

CANNOCK

£255,000

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In a sought-after location, this two/three-bedroom bungalow in Wellington Drive, Cannock, is deceptively spacious and well presented throughout.

Being extended, it is for sale through Webbs at £255,000.

Situated on the edge of Cannock town centre, being close to all amenities and bus routes, its accommodation briefly comprises a reception hallway, a generous kitchen with a dining area, a lounge, guest WC, a study, two bedrooms, a bathroom and a loft bedroom with a dressing area.

Outside there is a garage, landscaped gardens and a driveway. The kitchen/diner has been extended by the current owners, creating a sizeable space.

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Well-presented bungalow in a cul-de-sac location

This well presented three-bedroom detached property in The Beeches, Rugeley, is situated in a quiet cul-de-sac.

Being freshly decorated and with new oak doors to the ground floor as well as new windows having been installed in 2015, it is for sale through Lovett & Co at £199,950.

Stand-out features include good-

RUGELEY

£199,950

sized private front and rear gardens, a spacious lounge and a separate dining room, a modern fitted kitchen and bathroom, large bedrooms as well as off-road parking and a garage.

It is situated within easy reach of Rugeley town centre and is only a couple of minutes away from Cannock Chase.

The property has double glazing and central heating throughout.

For further information, or to book that all important viewing, please contact the selling agents, Lovett & Co on 01543 889410.



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CHESLYN HAY, BESOM WAY

- Well Maintained Detached House
 - Highly Sought After Location
 - Viewing Highly recommended
 - En-Suite To Master
- 4
2
C

Great Wyrley Office - £300,000



CHESLYN HAY, LITTLEWOOD ROAD

- Detached Period Cottage
 - Sought After Location
 - 3 Receptions
 - Driveway
- 3
2

Burntwood Office - £299,950



BURNTWOOD, MACADAM CLOSE

- En Suite To Master
 - Conservatory
 - Rural Views To Front Aspect
 - Private Cul-De-Sac Location
- 4
2
D

Great Wyrley Office - £299,950



CHESLYN HAY, WOODMAN LANE

- Period Style Cottage
 - Three Receptions
 - Three Double Bedrooms
 - Driveway
- 3
2

Burntwood Office - £260,000



BURNTWOOD, CANNOCK ROAD

- Detached Bungalow
 - Corner Plot
 - Ample Off Road Parking
 - Workshop To The Rear
- 4
1
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Burntwood Office - £250,000



HAMMERWICH, PINGLE LANE

- Superb semi-detached house
 - Rural village location
 - Countryside views
 - Immaculate fitted kitchen
- 3
2
E

Burntwood Office - £239,950



HEDNESFORD, ST GEORGE DRIVE

- Finished To A High Standard
 - En-Suite To Master
 - Utility & Guest W.C.
 - Garage
- 4
1
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Great Wyrley Office - £205,000



CHESLYN HAY, KESTREL WAY

- Beautifully Presented Link Detached
 - Modern Kitchen & Bathroom
 - Large Driveway
 - Enclosed Rear Garden
- 3
D

Great Wyrley Office - £175,000



GREAT WYRLEY, LOVE LANE

- Traditional Semi-Detached
 - Two Receptions
 - Newly Fitted Kitchen
 - Good Sized Rear Garden
- 3
2

Great Wyrley Office - Offers in excess of £170,000



CHURCHBRIDGE, WATLING STREET

- Extended semi-detached property
 - Two Reception Rooms
 - 3rd Ground Floor Bedroom
 - Two Shower Rooms
- 3
2
D

Burntwood Office - £165,000



CANNOCK, HAREBELL CLOSE

- Extended Semi-Detached House
 - Lounge/Diner
 - Extended Kitchen
 - Off Road Parking
- 3
1
C

Burntwood Office - £140,000



CHASE TOWN, LABURNUM CLOSE

- Semi-Detached Residence
 - Corner Plot
 - Good Sized Rear Garden
 - No Upward Chain
- 3
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Spacious semi is new to market

Having recently joined the property market, this superbly presented and surprisingly spacious three-bedroom semi-detached house in Langmead Close, Bentley, Walsall, lies in a pleasant cul-de-sac location.

It is for sale through L&S Prestige at £160,000.

BENTLEY

£160,000

Its living accommodation briefly comprises a modern fitted kitchen/diner, utility room, conservatory, three bedrooms and a family bathroom.



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Well presented four-bed family home is situated in an ideal location



A well presented family home ideally situated for the local amenities in St Lawrence Drive, Heath Hayes, has four bedrooms, two bathrooms and two reception rooms.

It is for sale through C Residential at £280,000.

It has an entrance hall with laminate flooring and stairs off, a lounge with a feature fireplace with an inset gas fire, a dining room with patio doors leading to the conservatory, a fitted kitchen with a range of matching base and wall units with an inset granite sink unit and drainer with up-stands, integrated appliances of a four-ring gas hob, an extractor hood over, electric oven, fridge and dishwasher.

The room also has ceiling spotlights, underfloor heating and an archway through to a secondary kitchen area with matching

HEATH HAYES

£280,000

base and wall units. There is also a utility room with a range of matching base and wall units having inset sink unit and drainer. A guest cloakroom completes the ground floor.

Upstairs is the master bedroom with an en-suite, three further bedrooms and a bathroom.

A side pedestrian gate leads around to the enclosed rear garden area with mature lawn, mature shrubbed borders as well as a garden shed.

Contact C Residential on 01889 583377 or visit their website www.cresidential.co.uk to see if this is the ideal home for you.



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- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating G

£350 pcm

WOODFORD END, CHADSMOOR

- One Bed GFF
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Electric Heating
- Double Glazing
- Allocated Parking
- Energy Rating C

£370 pcm

FILEY CLOSE, CANNOCK

- One Bed Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Shower Room
- GCH, DG
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS OR

£425 pcm

LINDEN VIEW, HEDNESFORD

- One Bed House
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH, DH, DG
- Garden
- Parking & Garage

£425 pcm

WOOTTONS COURT, CANNOCK

- One Bed Flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Electric Heating
- Energy Rating C
- NO DSS OR

£425 pcm

ANDREWS COURT, BRIDGTOWN

- One Bed Flat
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Electric Heating
- DG, Parking
- Energy Rating C

£460 pcm

CECIL STREET, CANNOCK

- 2 Bed Terraced
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen/Utility
- Garden
- Energy Rating E
- NO DSS/Pets

£475 pcm

CECIL STREET, CHADSMOOR

- Two Bed Mid
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Garden, Parking
- Energy Rating D

£475 pcm

BLAKE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

- Two Bedroom Semi
- Driveway
- Rear Garden
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG

£525

BLAKE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

- Two Bed Semi Det
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Electric Heating
- Off Road Parking

£525 pcm

HEDNESFORD STREET, CANNOCK

- Two Bed Flat
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Utility, E Suite
- Bathroom
- GCH, DG
- Allocated Parking

£550 pcm

DARTMOUTH MEWS, CANNOCK

- 2 Bed FF Apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Under floor heating
- GCH & DG
- Allocated

£595 Pcm

HARDIE GREEN, CHADSMOOR

- Three Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom, GCH, DG
- Garden
- EPC

£600 pcm

SCHOOL LANE, CHASE TERRACE

- Two Bed Bungalow
- Lounge
- Kitchen/diner
- Bathroom
- GCH, DG
- Driveway

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- FULLY RENOVATED
- Three Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- GCH, DG

£750 pcm

BOND WAY, HEDNESFORD

- Three Bed Semi
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Guest WC
- En-suite, Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Garden & Drive

£780 pcm

WHITETHORN CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

- Three Bed Detached
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Conservatory
- Guest WC
- Re-Fitted

£780 pcm

WORDSWORTH CLOSE, ARMITAGE

- Three Bed Detached
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Conservatory
- Re-Fitted

£800 pcm

PEBBLE MILL DRIVE, CANNOCK

- Four Bed Detached
- Location After Location
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Bathroom & WC

£850 pcm

OLD HEDNESFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Fully Refurbished Detached Family Residence.
- Reception Hall, Guest WC, Lounge
- Impressive Kitchen/Diner, Utility
- Spacious Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Four Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom
- Integral Garage, Detached Garage, Driveway, Front, Side & Rear Gardens

VIEWING IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

£365,000

DAISY BANK, HEDNESFORD

- An Extremely Well Presented Detached Family Home
- Lounge, Family Dining Room, Guest WC
- Utility Room, Impressive Re-Fitted Kitchen

VIEWING IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO APPRECIATE

£275,000

KNIGHTON ROAD, WIMBLEDY

- A Well Presented Link Detached House
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen, Four Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Family Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Open Aspect to Side & Rear
- No Upward Chain

£215,000

ST JOHNS CLOSE, CANNOCK

- A Newly Built and Individually Designed Detached Dormer Bungalow
- Reception Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen
- Dining Room/Bedroom Two, Two Further Ground Floor Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- First Floor Bedroom, Luxury Bathroom
- Ample Off Road Parking, Rear Garden
- NO CHAIN

£247,500

MARSHWOOD CLOSE, CANNOCK

- A Spacious Two Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Situated on a Good Sized Corner Plot with potential to extend subject to planning
- Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Detached Garage & Driveway
- Front, Side & Rear Gardens
- Modernisation Needed, NO CHAIN

OIRO £210,000

HILLSIDE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

- Spacious Semi Detached
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Kitchen & Family Room
- Ground Floor Bedroom/Ensuite Shower
- Four Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Master with Dressing Room/Study
- Driveway & Rear Garden

£199,995

CHURCH ROAD, NORTON CANES

- Well Presented Detached Family Home
- Family Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Well Stocked Rear Garden With Open Views
- Driveway & Garage

OIRO £199,950

HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK

- A deceptively spacious well presented detached house
- Porch, entrance hall, extended kitchen/diner
- Utility Room, Guest WC
- Family Lounge, Generous Conservatory
- Three bedrooms, shower room
- Delightful rear gardens, driveway

Offers in Excess of £180,000

GREENWOOD PARK, HEDNESFORD

- A Very Well Presented Four Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen, Guest WC
- Four Bedrooms, Shower Rooms
- Private Tiered Rear Garden
- Driveway

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GRANGE CRESCENT, PENKRIDGE

- A Well Presented Three Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Popular Location
- Entrance Hall, Spacious Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner, Family Bathroom
- Attractive Gardens & Parking at Rear
- Viewing Recommended

£165,000

PYE GREEN ROAD, CANNOCK

- Extended and Much Improved Bungalow
- Reception Hall & Family Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Utility Area
- Impressive Conservatory
- Two Double Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Driveway & Gardens

£163,995

BROWNHILLS ROAD, NORTON CANES

- A Deceptively Spacious Well Presented Mid Terraced House
- GCH & D/G
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Sun Room
- Three Bedrooms & Wet Room
- Delightful Rear Garden & Driveway
- No Upward Chain

OIRO £135,000

HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Spacious Semi Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Parking at Rear
- Garden

OIRO £110,000

HOWELL MEWS, RUGELEY

- Immaculately Presented Apartment
- Security Entrance
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- Kitchen
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- En-Suite & Bathroom
- Communal Gardens
- Allocated Parking

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Walnut Court, Brereton

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● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom semi detached family home, situated in a quiet cul de sac location on a sought after estate. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge/Dining Room and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear.

St Michaels Road, Brereton

£124,950

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this two bedroom semi detached home, ideal for First Time Buyers or Investors. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen and Utility Room. Landing to Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway for off road parking and Gardens to front and rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN

Eaton Drive, Rugeley

£92,500

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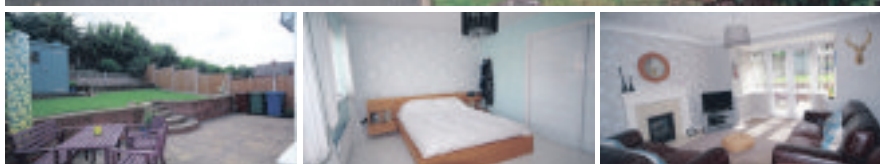


● JR Properties are pleased to market this modern two bedroom first floor apartment, situated on a sought after estate. Having Communal Entrance, Entrance Hallway, Open plan Lounge to Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Allocated parking and Communal Gardens

Thorn Close, Rugeley

£229,950

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to market this four bedroom detached family home, situated in a cul de sac WITH NO CHAIN. Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Bedroom Four, Dining Room, Lounge and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite, Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway and Garden

Crabtree Avenue, Hawksyard

£127,500

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this detached coach house, ideal for First Time Buyers or Investor. Having Entrance Hallway, Landing to Two Bedrooms, Bathroom and Open Plan Lounge / Breakfast Kitchen. Driveway to Garage and Garden to rear

Wetherall Close, Rugeley

£185,000

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three bedroom detached home, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen and Conservatory. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Off road parking to Garage and Garden to rear

Talbot Road, Brereton

£159,950

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented three bedroom semi detached home, close to local amenities. Accommodation having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room and Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Refitted Shower Room. Driveway to Covered Carport and Gardens

Hawkesmore Drive, Little Haywood

£229,950

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented two bedroom detached bungalow situated in a quiet cul de sac location. Accommodation having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Conservatory, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Garden to rear

Green Lane, Rugeley

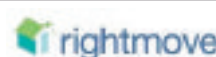
£195,000

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● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom detached home, close to local amenities. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen and Conservatory. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway for several vehicles and Garden to rear

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Oakleigh Drive, Brereton

£149,950

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● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom split level house, offering flexible living for a family. Having Snug/Bedroom Three, Bedroom Two with En Suite Shower Room, Landing to Bedroom One and Bathroom. Downstairs to Lounge, Fitted Kitchen and Conservatory. Driveway and Gardens to front and rear

Old Road, Armitage

£164,950

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented two bedroom cottage, with open views to Trent and Mersey Canal. Accommodation having Lounge, Dining Room and Refitted Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Two Double Bedrooms and Refitted Bathroom. Garden to rear with off road parking

Church Street, Rugeley

£249,950

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this detached traditional bungalow situated on a large garden plot offering lots of potential and scope for improvement/development (all subject to planning). Offered with No Upward Chain the bungalow requires modernisation and features double glazing and gas central heating.

Wetherall Close, Rugeley

£164,950

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom link detached home, situated in a sought after location. Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen and Utility. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Carport and Gardens to front and rear.

The Beeches, Rugeley

£199,950

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● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom extended detached family home, situated in a cul de sac location. Having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear and off road parking with Garage

Watkiss Drive, Rugeley

£144,950

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● JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom semi detached family home, situated in a sought after location. Having Porch, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear with driveway to Detached Garage

Lanehead Walk, Etching Hill

£189,950

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this superbly presented detached bungalow in a popular location. Having the benefit of NO UPWARD CHAIN the property features hallway, lounge, fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, refitted shower room, detached garage and well maintained gardens. Viewing essential

Woodbury Walk, Rugeley

£249,995

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● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this modern four bedroom, three storey NEW BUILD home. AVAILABLE WITH PART EXCHANGE. Having Hallway, Guest w.c, Lounge and Fitted Kitchen. Two further floors to Four Bedrooms, Two with En Suites and Bathroom. Parking for two vehicles and Garage. Garden to rear

The Lindens, Rugeley

£189,950

NEW



● JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom, three storey home situated in a quiet cul de sac. Having Hallway, Guest w.c, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing leading to Second Lounge, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Landing to Bedroom with En Suite. Garden and Parking

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Offers in Excess of £360,000

Meerash Lane HAMMERWICH



Immaculately Presented Four Bedroom Semi Detached House / Finished To A High Standard Throughout / Sought After Village Location / Substantial Corner Plot

£330,000

Adelaide Drive WIMBORNE



Immaculately presented five bedroom detached family home / Finished to a high modern standard throughout / Top quality open high spec kitchen / Driveway providing ample parking

Offers in the Region Of £335,000

St Christopher Close RAMSLEY



Immaculately presented four bedroom detached family home / Finished to a high modern standard throughout / Top quality open high spec kitchen / Driveway providing ample parking

£295,000

Sycamore Hill CANNOCK WOOD



Three bedroom detached bungalow / no onward chain / Modern fitted kitchen / Victorian style conservatory / Charming well maintained private rear garden

Offers in Excess of £285,000

Park Gate Road CANNOCK WOOD



Well presented three bedroom detached bungalow / Set on a quiet road / Spacious living room & further good sized bedrooms / Ideal for modern / Family lifestyle / Ideal for a holiday home

Offers in the Region Of £279,000

Sitting Hill Road ETON HILL



Immaculately presented five bedroom family home / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Set over three floors / Delightful rear area of Sitting Hill / Stunning views of the surrounding countryside

£275,000

Colliers Way HUNTINGTON



Immaculately Presented Four Bedroom Detached House / Set Over Three Floors / Five Double Bedrooms / Driveway With Ample Parking / Single Garage / Modern Open Plan Kitchen / Rear Garden

Offers in the Region Of £267,500

Red Lion Lane MORTON CANES



Four bedroom detached family home / Large plot with a segregated rear courtyard / Modern fitted dining kitchen with a high specification finish

Offers in the Region Of £265,000

Levett Grange RUGELEY



Immaculately presented detached family home / Sought after location / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Modern breakfast kitchen / Bathrooms en-suite

£260,000

Clover Meadows HEATH HAYES



Well presented four bedroom detached house / Large plot at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac / Private South facing rear garden / Spacious lounge & open plan / Shaped dining kitchen

Offers in Excess of £235,000

Rowan Close HUNTINGTON



Four bedroom detached family home / Spacious lounge & open plan kitchen / Set on a good sized corner plot / Private rear garden / NBBC guarantee

Offers in the Region Of £215,000

Huntington Terrace Road CANNOCK



Four bedroom family home / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Large ground floor extension / Garage and driveway with parking for several vehicles

Offers in Excess of £215,000

The Beeches RUGELEY



Well presented three bedroom detached house / Quiet cul-de-sac / Freshly decorated throughout / Good sized private landscaped rear garden / Off road parking and a garage

£199,950

High Mount Street HEDNESFORD



Detached three bedroom house / NO ONWARD CHAIN / Spacious lounge / Living / Rear conservatory / Large master bedrooms with en-suite

£197,500

Beech Pine Close HEDNESFORD



Recently refurbished and well presented three bedroom semi detached family home / Spacious lounge and separate dining room / Large utility room

£190,000

Grange Road NORTON CANES



Three bedroom semi detached house / Quiet cul-de-sac / Short walk away from Charnham / Spacious living and sleeping accommodation / Open plan kitchen / Large rear garden

£190,000

Dugdale Close WIMBORNE



Well presented three bedroom detached house / Set on a popular residential area / Lounge / Living / Private driveway with parking for up to three vehicles / Private lawns for rear garden

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Paws for thought to keep dogs cool

By James Parker

Great Britain is a dog-loving nation, with over 8.5 million pooches kept as pets, but a countless number of dogs die every year after being left alone in hot cars.

To help raise awareness, Škoda has teamed up with the RSPCA to support the 'Dogs Die in Hot Cars' campaign. The campaign aims to show families they should never leave a dog alone in a vehicle and always keep windows open, or use air conditioning while driving to keep pooches in maximum comfort.

With temperatures last week rising to a sizzling 34 degrees Celsius in places, and an unbearable 60+ degrees Celsius inside vehicles, there has been a notable rise in reports of dogs suffering inside hot cars. On Twitter, the RSPCA has seen an 800 per cent rise in enquires and a 900 per cent spike in social media mentions. There has also been a 91-point jump in Google search rankings of the search term, 'how can I keep my dog cool in the car?', showing that pet owners are desperately seeking guidance on the topic.

Temperatures in cars can rise very quickly. Even at just 22 degrees Celsius outside, a car can reach an unbearable 47 degrees Celsius within an hour. A dog can die within minutes in a hot car, even if the owner has 'just popped to the shop.'

A Škoda spokesperson said: "Any dog dying in a hot car is unacceptable. Here at Škoda we want to promote all elements of responsible driving and this includes pet welfare. The message is simple, never leave a dog in a car alone, particularly during the summer."

"We worked with the RSPCA on the Dogs Die in Hot Cars campaign to help convey a positive message around what is a difficult



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and sometimes harrowing subject – cool dogs are happy dogs. We hope that drivers will benefit from the RSPCA's advice and dogs will be safer."

Kat Litchfield, corporate partnerships manager at the RSPCA said: "We're delighted that Škoda is involved in the Dogs Die in Hot Cars campaign."

"Dogs are part of the family and leaving them for just a few minutes in a warm car is enough to cause serious suffering or even death. Our message has been loud and clear for years: don't leave dogs alone in parked cars. If you spot a distressed animal in a vehicle, call 999 immediately."

There are things that drivers can do this summer to ensure their pets are safe while travelling, no matter what the distance:

- Never leave your dog alone in the vehicle so they don't get anxious or overheat

- In hot weather, always have the window open when driving to help keep your dogs cool. Summer can be a very dangerous time for dogs on their travels



Don't let your dog get too hot in the car this summer

- Always carry water with you to keep your dog hydrated
- Invest in appropriate pet restraints, such as a pet barrier or seat belt, to ensure your dog remains in the back of the car throughout your journey
- Take regular breaks to provide water for your dog
- Where possible exercise your dog with a short walk during your breaks
- When the vehicle is moving, don't let a dog hang its head outside car windows.

- Before embarking on a long journey, take your dog on short journeys to get them used to travelling in the car

- Take your dog for a walk/exercise before travelling

- Make sure there aren't any loose items that could harm your dog in the boot or on the back seat of your car

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MOTORING

MG colour inspiration?

Fun-seekers looking to brighten up those cloudy summer days should head down to their nearest MG dealer for a mood enhancing test drive.

With the psychology of colour suggesting that yellow inspires happiness and red excites passions, a spin in an MG3 could be just the boost needed to chase those post-holiday blues away. What's more, for a limited time only, you can take to the roads in a top of the range MG3 Style+ from just £189 per month.

White, black and grey continue to be the best-selling car colours in the UK, while red, yellow and silver also feature heavily in the top ten. And, with eight trendy colour options and a further 13 graphics packs on offer, fashion-conscious MG3 drivers can match their car to both their outfit and their mood. Stylish classics like Whiter than White and Newton Black are joined by youthful Hello Yellow, adventurous Ruby Red and glamorous Silver Fox with a variety of roof combinations to add to the mix.

And, for those looking to make an even bigger splash, graphics packs from Burnout to Trophy Stripe, Candy to Waves, are available from just £280, excluding fitting. Or go for a subtle touch of colour with Wasabi, Pink or Red mirror caps from just £70, while black, white, red and grey accents are available



Yellow is perceived to be a cheery and warm colour and red car owners passionate!

on your wheels from just £720. So, what does your choice of car colour say about you?

Yellow is perceived to be a cheery and warm colour and has also been associated with increasing the metabolism – a good thing as we find ourselves in beach body season!

Red car owners are likely to be

passionate, optimistic and ready for adventure – showing off their fun nature in their choice of colour. Those driving black cars are thought to be powerful and stylish, while white is often seen as a sign of focus and cleanliness.

Matthew Cheyne, Head of Sales and Marketing at MG Motor UK, added: "With the British summer

playing its usual tricks, sunshine is not guaranteed. But you don't need to look to the skies to manage your mood.

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MOTORING

New look imminent to give Ford EcoSport a fresh look

The Ford EcoSport is to receive its most comprehensive facelift yet, giving the compact crossover with a fresh new look, improved quality and the option of four-wheel drive.

UK-bound EcoSports will also be made in Europe for the first time, with production moving from a plant in Chennai, India to Craiova in Romania in a bid to cut customer lead times and improve build quality.

Styling

It's likely that the look of the updated model will echo that of the US-market EcoSport – revealed at last year's LA motor show – with exterior styling closer to that of the Kuga and Edge, and interior elements such as an eight-inch touchscreen with Sync3 shared with the new Fiesta.

A Ford spokesman revealed that cars bound for the UK were likely to get some additional styling tweaks all of their own, too, with additional contrasting colour combinations and the illusion of a 'floating' roof thanks to colour-coordinated pillars.

It's hoped that the changes will address some of the shortcomings of the outgoing car, launched in 2014 and quickly facelifted earlier this year to not entirely universal acclaim.

Additionally, the changes will help distance EcoSport from the soon-to-be-launched Fiesta Active crossover – a standard Fiesta with raised ride



UK-bound EcoSports will be made in Europe for the first time

height and additional plastic body cladding, if no increased off-roading ability.

"We think the customers are quite different," Ford of Europe lead engineer for Fiesta Seamus McDermott explained. "So in the

EcoSport, you've got the option of the all-wheel-drive coming out later as well, but the Active is a different flavour of Fiesta. The EcoSport is more of an SUV, while the Active is more of a crossover, if you like. We're just giving the customers more

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Presenting the Award, James Baggott, managing director of Car Dealer said: "Kia is a brand that is seemingly unstoppable in its progress with well-designed and reliable cars all delivered with a seven year warranty."

"With great cars in the line-up and a dealer network that is clearly a thriving and happy one it is no surprise that Kia has successfully defended its title of top dog from last year!" he added.

Paul Philpott, president and chief executive of Kia

Motors (UK) Limited said "This is a very special award for us to win because it is voted for by dealers across all the brands from right round the country."

"The partnership with our dealers is absolutely essential to us and sharing our success is at the heart of everything we do."

Kia has just recorded its best-ever first half sales performance – passing the 50,000 mark for the first time despite stiff market conditions during the last three months.

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Diesel drivers in the UK are not prepared to switch to more environmentally-friendly models, unless they are offered considerable incentives to do so.

According to a survey of 2,000 motorists, 64 per cent of diesel drivers would not get rid of their vehicles unless a scrappage scheme for the older, more polluting models was introduced.

Of those surveyed, 83 per cent believed that clean, green cars are overpriced compared with regular petrol and diesel models, even though manufacturers are taking steps to making the technology more accessible.

Attitudes

Carwow, an independent car buying website, conducted the poll and has also revealed that enquiries for new diesel vehicles have dropped by 20 per cent since the start of 2017. This decline will likely have a lot to do with the recent bad press surrounding pollution from diesel cars.

With the current negative attitudes towards diesel emissions surfacing 16 years after an earlier government was promoting the benefits of the fuel, consumers are sceptical about whether policy might change again. More than 50 per cent of survey respondents believed that diesel would fall back in favour within three years and 24 per cent thought that a new diesel tax would never come into effect.

Surprisingly, 70 per cent were not aware of the present government grants and schemes that encourage motorists to buy green vehicles.

As far as a diesel scrappage



Enquiries for new diesel vehicles have dropped by 20 per cent this year

scheme is concerned, 50 per cent of survey respondents said they wouldn't get rid of their car for anything less than £3,000, while one in six said it would take a minimum of £7,000 for them to scrap their diesel vehicle.

Karen Hilton, head of sales operations at Carwow, said: "Motorists see the recent demonising of diesel as a knee-jerk reaction from government. Without sufficient incentive to switch, people are sensibly sitting tight."

"The reality for most is that ditching a diesel car is not financially viable. And depending on what kind of journeys you undertake, a diesel may still be a cheaper car to run. Advances in technology mean that modern diesel cars are cleaner than ever, so pressure on motorists to abandon diesel is misguided."

"The industry can do more, and is working to improve technologies

all the time, but no matter how much people care about driving the cleanest possible car, budgets will always be the deciding factor."

Jan Stannard, co-founder of Charge – a company that allows homeowners to rent their private charge points out – said: "For many people, petrol and diesel cars are still an attractive option as the sticker price for these vehicles is often lower than for electric cars."

"However, when running costs, maintenance, tax, and insurance are factored in, many would be surprised at the cost savings that driving an electric car can bring."

"Right now, electric vehicles make up a tiny proportion of all new cars sold, but with up to £4,500 government grants and almost every vehicle manufacturer bringing out plug-in models, the days of petrol and diesel dominance are numbered."

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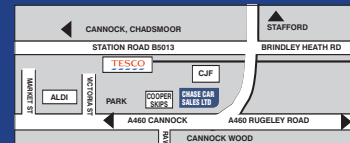
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HUGHES

Geoff

Passed away on June 27, 2017,
aged 80 years.

Beloved Husband of Sylvia
and a loving Father and
Grandfather.

Geoff will be sadly missed by
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Stafford Crematorium.

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years.

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Julie and Debbie, loving
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Sadly missed by all his Family
and Friends.

The Funeral Service is to be
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June 27, 2017, aged 80 years.

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Brother to Thelma and a
loving Uncle.

Derek will be sadly missed by
all his Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service will be
held on Tuesday, July 18,
2017, 10.30am, at St Mark's
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me in you had had everything.
Your Loving Husband Les.

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DUNNING

Trevor

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Brother Dennis, Sheila, and
Family.
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Elsie Elizabeth

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Staffordshire County Council intend not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in the following lengths of A460 Hill Top in Hednesford;

Phase 1

The approaches from A460 Uxbridge Street and B4154 Hill Street. (A460 East Cannock Road to Stafford Lane will remain open during this phase).

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Unless the vehicle is being used in connection with the works; or unless the vehicle requires access to premises on the length of road or is being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes. Pedestrian access will be maintained throughout the closure as required.

Alternative routes for traffic will be signed on site. For more information, visit: <https://roadworks.org/?tm=166995>.

The order will come into operation on 31 July 2017 and the said works will commence on or as near as practicable to that date taking place between the hours of 09:00 hours and 17:00 hours, although timings of the closures will be assessed and altered accordingly with the change in peak traffic times during the school summer holidays. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by 11 August 2017.

The Order will remain in force for a period of 18 months, or until the carriageway resurfacing works, which it is proposed to carry out on or near the road have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

John Tradewell, Director for Strategy, Governance & Change
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Date: 13 July 2017

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED) ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991 DIVERSION OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC BELT ROAD, HEDNESFORD

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staffordshire County Council intend not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in that length of Belt Road in Hednesford from its junction with Limepit Lane to its junction with Holly Street unless the vehicle is being used in connection with the works. Pedestrian access will be available.

An alternative route for traffic is available via Pye Green Road, Broadhurst Green, Bradbury Lane, Stafford Road, Cannock Road and vice versa. For more information, visit: <https://roadworks.org/?tm=167579>.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984 STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (RESTRICTED ROADS) (LIMEPIT LANE, HUNTINGTON) ORDER 20**

1. Staffordshire County Council propose to make a Traffic Order under Sections 8(2) and 83(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, to impose a 30 mph speed limit on the following road:-
Limepit Lane, Huntington

2. Full details of these proposals are in the draft Order which, together with a plan showing the restricted area and a statement of the County Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be inspected during normal office hours at the office of the Director for Economy, Infrastructure and Skills; 1 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford, ST16 2DH and during normal opening hours at Hednesford Library, Market Street, Hednesford, Cannock or via the internet at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/trafficregulationorders.

3. If you wish to object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds of your objection in writing to: Regulation & Governance, Highways, 2 Staffordshire Place, Tipping Street, Stafford, ST16 2DH or via email to: trafficregulationorderobjections@staffordshire.gov.uk not later than 03 August 2017 quoting reference HoCPS/TM/TR9/17.

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Hole disappointment for golfers' Open bid

THERE was disappointment for a host of regional golfers in their attempt to qualify for The Open.

With just three going through from the five final qualifying venues, South Staffordshire Golf Club veteran Peter Baker, a former Ryder Cup ace, finished tied 34th at Hillside.

Baker, of Wolverhampton, a three-time European Tour winner, finished four over par, while Enville's Jacob McGoldrick was 15 over at the same venue. Robert Burlison, also of Enville, finished 13 over par at Royal Cinque Ports.

Walsall's Henry Sheridan-Mills shot one over par at Woburn and Armitage's Robert Rock retired after 12 holes of his second round at Notts Hol-linwell.

As the reigning Senior Open champion, Walsall-born Paul Broadhurst has already qualified for the 146th Open, which gets under way at Royal Birkdale, Merseyside, next Thursday, July 20.

Busy week of action sees BCT medal haul

BLACK Country Triathletes came home with several medals on a weekend of action. In a sprint at Upton-on-Severn on Saturday – a 750m river swim, a 20km bike and a 5km run – Lauren Evans was first female home, Reece Ashfield was third male overall and Oliver Evans first in 15-16 group.

In the standard distance race involving a 1500m river swim, 40km ride and a 10k run, Thomas Dauncey was first home for BCT in 2:20:50 and first in the 25-29 age group. For the ladies Sue Payton and Ersuline Whittle were second and third in the 55-59 age group.

Junior girls raced on Saturday at Shipton on Stour Aquathlon with Alex Westbury, Abbie Kennard and Abi Hathaway taking first, third and fourth respectively at TS2. Paul Rogers, Chris Pedley and Leighann Adams took part in the Wenlock Olympian Triathlon with a 500m pool swim, 19km ride and a 7km run. Rogers was second overall and Pedley second at age group.

Samantha Paine had a PB in a Women Only Standard Distance – a 1500m open water swim, 42.4km ride and a 10km run – at Eton Dorney.



Jamie is shown how to get into a canoe correctly



Junior members look on from the towpath at Croft Lane

Oar-some feeling as Jamie takes to water

SPORTING FEATURE

By Jamie Brassington

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Our man Jamie gets to grips with the sport

THE fear of falling into the water – that is the hardest part to get over when you first learn to canoe.

Especially if that water is a canal.

I stepped into the kayak carefully following the pattern of movements my instructor told me to, before sliding into the seat.

That was the first obstacle I had overcome. Now I had to stay upright for the next hour or so to remain dry.

I was paddling in a yellow play boat. The kayak, a type of canoe, was specifically made so it was hard to topple – much to my relief – but the down side is that it spun you a lot in circles.

So that is what I did for most of the remainder of the session – spin around – at Gailey Canoe Club based in Penkridge.

Newcomer

But it was good fun. The warm sun beat down on us as we paddled on the water. The setting, a section of canal cutting through the countryside, was picturesque and idyllic.

Being a newcomer to this sport, I was guided by the instructors to gain my confidence in the water for this first session, which meant gently paddling around in a small section of the lake and not travelling very far.

The more experienced members of the club, some

of whom take part in serious racing, speed off into the distance for an eight-mile circuit. I was what the canoe club is looking for – a new recruit. They are on the lookout for additional members to join their ranks.

Canoeing offers a variety of benefits, says Louise Clive, who runs the club alongside her husband John. "It helps get you fit, but there is also the social side where you get to meet new people and make friends," she said.

"Especially for the kids, it gets them out of the house, away from their games consoles.

"And it is a great outdoor setting. You get to experience the countryside and see the wildlife."

Another positive aspect of the sport is that it open and accessible to all ages – the club's youngest member is eight and the oldest 76.

The club trains on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. It has around 60 members from children to adults. Some take part in canoeing at a leisurely level. But the club competes professionally and has up to 15 paddlers who race for them.

Gailey compete in a Midlands division and currently have their eyes set on qualifying for an annual national competition, held later this year.

The top six teams from regional leagues around Great Britain qualify for the annual tournament. And Gailey look on course to succeed.

They have one race left to go and are currently fifth

in the league. There are different types of canoes that can be used. Some are designed for racing, which are more stream-lined and offer two seats, while others are more user friendly, catering for a range of abilities.

I was in a canoe of that latter category, on the Staffordshire and Worcestershire canal, outside the Croft Lane-based club.

As a newcomer, I found it challenging getting to grips with the paddle.

The paddle is used in a figure of eight motion to steer and move. But every time I made a jerky movement and struck the surface hard, I felt like I was going off balance and would tip into the water.

Luckily that didn't happen, although I had a few wobbly moments.

A second session on another day would see me travel a greater distance as I build up my skill and confidence, it was said.

That is how instructors at Gailey teach you from the beginning. "You build up to travelling two miles, then four miles, and then eight miles," said Louise.

Tiresome

Racing at these distances is tiresome work and tests the competitors' endurance. But Gailey are among the best in the country at this.

Despite being a small club, they have produced paddlers who have competed at international level, with some going on to be world champions

The Gailey club has been in operation since the 1950s, and for the last three decades have been based at their current site.

A revamp of their clubhouse is under way, thanks to backing from the Canal and River Trust. The charity has given Gailey a £1,000 grant, which will pay for new showers. The club currently has a social function room and changing rooms are also planning to install new toilet facilities.

The revamp was forged as part of the deal with the charity, which saw Gailey tasked with the upkeep of the club building and the canal which runs outside their club, from Gravely Way Bridge Number 78 to Gailey Bridge Number 79.

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Former Test man so close to a century

FORMER England Test player Kabir Ali fell three runs short of a century as C&R Hawks were pipped by Staffordshire rivals Penkridge in the Birmingham & District Cricket League.

Hawks, third in the table at the start of play, were bowled out for 206 in 44.1 overs. Laeq Chishti was the pick of the Penkridge bowlers, taking 4-40.

In reply, Omar Ali (4-41) and Johar Ahmed (3-89) took seven wickets between them, but an unbeaten 27 from number 10 Rizwan Gulzar saw Penkridge home by one wicket with 20 balls to spare.

Defeat for Lichfield in division three sees Astwood Bank take over as leaders after a seven-wicket win over Stourbridge.

Previous table-toppers Lichfield were beaten at relegation-threatened Handsworth by four wickets. Adam Braddock hit 59 in a Lichfield total of 245-8.

Handsworth responded with 246-6 in 52.1 overs. Marvarick Perry (75), Kamau Leverock (46) and Carby Dawkins (40) led the charge for Handsworth.

In the Staffs Clubs, Rugeley enjoyed a 32-run win over Penn.

Iqram Hussain claimed 5-4 off 19 balls to help Aldridge thirds bowl out Burntwood St Matthews for 231.

Hussain then scored 80 in reply as Aldridge won by five wickets with 232-5.

Armitage's total of 212 was not enough to beat Milford Hall thirds.

Ben Beck made 92, but Milford had a wicket in hand, with Alex Stenson making 83. Richard Harris returned 5-50.

Tooth gets off to a flier with 5-2 win away to local rivals

JORDAN Nadat scored twice as Neil Tooth began as Hednesford Town manager with a 5-2 friendly win at rivals Heath Hayes.

Ryan Winter added a third before the break, before Jack Weldon pulled one back. James Lawrie and Danny Glover made it five for The Pitmen before a late consolation from Regan Smith.

In the first qualifying round of the Buildbase FA Trophy, The Pitmen will face Mickleover Sports at Keys Park on October 28 (3pm). Chasetown will entertain Market Drayton Town in the preliminary round on October 7. Meanwhile, former Market Drayton, Telford and Newtown (Premier League of Wales) defender James O'Neill became the Scholars' 11th signing of pre-season.

Heath Hayes face an away trip to Coton Green in the FA Vase.

● In their first pre-season friendly, Cannock United overcame a 3-0 deficit to draw 3-3 with Gornal Colts. Mat Harris scored his first goal for Cannock on 62 minutes. Tom Dyer opened his account with a brace, the equaliser coming from the spot after 79 minutes.

Speed merchants turn on the style



Sidecars head over the jumps

CANNOCK MOTOCROSS CLUB are in high spirits after a thrilling day of high-level action.

Lower Drayton Farm, just off the A449 near Penkridge, hosted the British round of the IMBA European Ladies Motocross and Sidecars Championship.

It was round number three in the series for the women riders, having already visited both Hol-

land and Belgium, while it was a second outing for the sidecars after their opener at the Wohlen Circuit in Switzerland.

"It was a good crowd," said Mike Wood, from the Amateur Motor Cycle Association, which is based in Cannock. "In the ladies, one of the British girls, Chelsea Gowland, finished third overall, despite realising the day after that she had

broken her ankle in the last race. That's some achievement.

Wood is now eagerly awaiting the next action at the track.

"On July 23, we have another European Championship for the MX1 and MX2," he said. "We are really looking forward to that."

Gowland was the star turn for the host nation on her European series debut.

Cannock fail to shine at Beacon

Beacon 1st XI vs Cannock 1st XI

IT WAS a disappointing day for Cannock as they fell to a heavy defeat at Beacon.

After reducing the home side to 68-5, a fantastic 155 run partnership between Ollie Green and Chris Townsend allowed Beacon to set a formidable total of 314-7. Elliott Horton returned the best figures for Cannock with 3-37.

A regular loss of wickets meant the run chase never got going for Cannock. Matt Cottrell top scored with 39 as the visitors were bowled out for 145.

Cannock 2nd XI vs Beacon 2nd XI

Cannock were asked to bat first at Chase Park. The home side were dismissed for a very competitive 180. Captain John Cooke took 3-25 from his 10 overs to give his side a third successive win. Beacon being bowled out for 113.

Cannock 3rd XI vs Pelsall 3rd XI

Stand-in captain Matthew Bull chose to bowl first as Cannock hosted the only team below them in the table. Pelsall were bowled out for 143. Cannock picked up a crucial victory by six wickets.

Springhill 3rd XI vs Cannock 4th XI

Cannock travelled to Springhill looking to continue their unbeaten run of eight games. After being asked to bat first, the home side posted 199-7. Veteran Jamie Fleet showed all of his experience to finish unbeaten on 76 and guide his team to a remarkable one-wicket victory.

● Cannock Cricket Club is hosting a CricketFest 2017 event at their home in Church Lane, Hatherton, from 10am to midday on Saturday. Call 07836 371043.

BOWLS WORLD LOSES A LEGEND

THE world of crown green bowls is in mourning following the death of one of the sport's true legends, Mel Evans.

The Chadsmoor Progressive bowler passed away this week following a battle with Motor Neurone Disease.

Born in 1952 and a resident of Heath Hayes all his life, Evans was twice county champion, in 1977 and in 2006, and losing finalist in the All England championship in 1982.

He represented Staffordshire on numerous occasions and became team manager a few years ago.

Together with Lynn Pritchatt they became the top mixed pair in the country, winning numerous competitions including the national mixed pairs in 2008.

But he was more than just a formidable player; his work off the green and as British Crown Green Bowls Association commercial manager

helped progress the sport. His efforts were rewarded with an MBE in 2014 – the only person to be recognised for the sport of crown green bowls.

Express & Star bowls correspondent and former Staffordshire County secretary Dave Law led the tributes to his friend. "When I joined the county set-up in the late 90s, I got to know Mel really well," said Law. "He was quite a funny chap, very likeable and really approachable."

"There are too few column inches to do justice to a stalwart to his club Chadsmoor Progressive and also a founder of the Summit Garage Premier Bowls League."

Rob Burroughs, who succeeded Evans as secretary of the Summit Garage League when he became too ill to continue, said: "Mel was one of the founding members of this league and without him we wouldn't have one of the best leagues in the country. We would like to pass on our thoughts to his family and to his partner Lynn."



Mel Evans

Disabled golfers hit the Algarve



From left, Chris Foster, Ian Dixon, Tom Beard and Richard Saunders

A GROUP of golfers put their disabilities behind them, coming third in a tournament in Portugal. Tom Beard, from Burntwood, was among the England Disabled Golf team who flew out to the Algarve for the competition.

The team were taking part in the European Team Championship last month, which saw France take first place and Spain second.

The England members went up against other teams of four, each with one professional

player. England Disabled Golf team's professional is Chris Foster – the only golf professional amputee in the world.

The event was organised by the club's professional Craig Thomas, and sponsored by Wednesfield Radio Cars.

Mr Thomas, who is also national coach for the disabled team and flew out to Portugal with the members, said: "It is pleasing to see the team progress so well."

Bucks axe leaves Westwood 'gutted'

FORMER Wolverhampton Sporting goal machine Dan Westwood is 'gutted' after being told he can leave AFC Telford United, but thanked boss Rob Edwards for his honesty.

Westwood earned a move up four divisions when Rob Smith and Larry Chambers captured the hot-shot from West Midlands Premier Division outfit Wolverhampton Sporting Community.

The 26-year-old, who scored more than 50 goals last season, said: "I'm gutted but am glad he's told me and been honest. It's disappointing because it was all about this season for me and I didn't get the opportunity for that."

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